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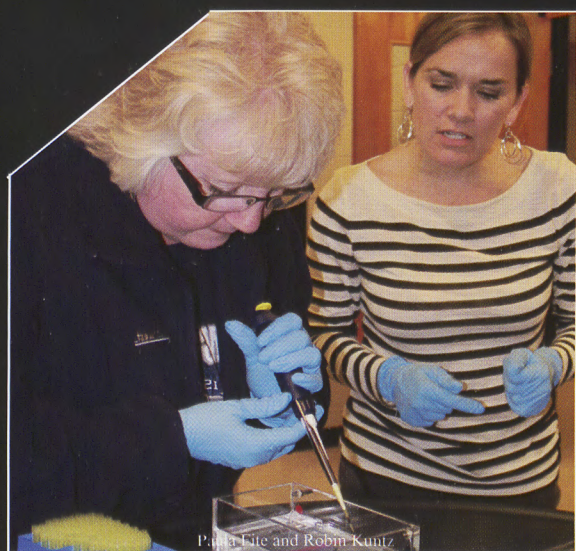
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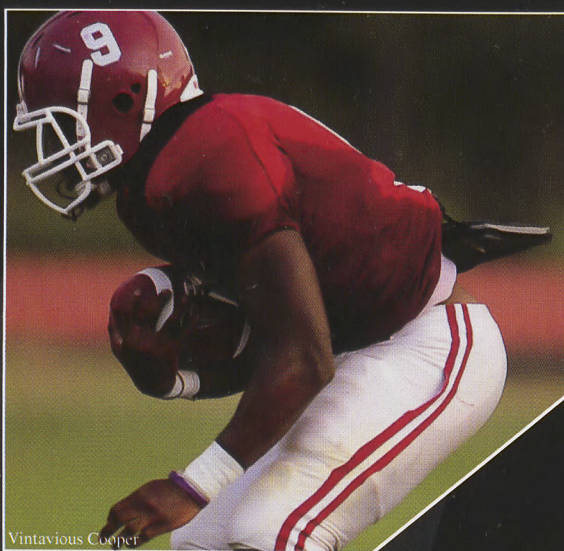
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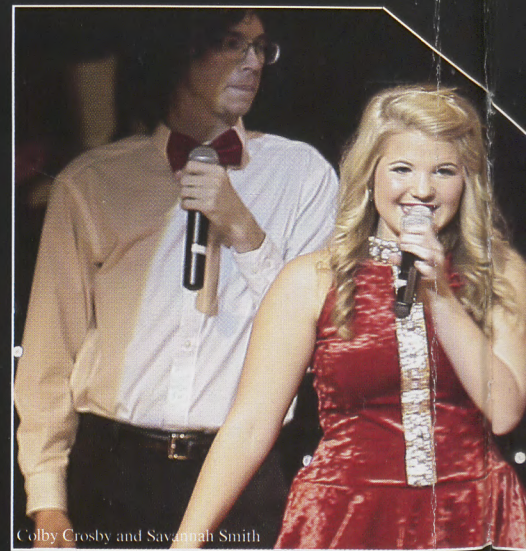




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"IF YOU HAVE BUILT CASTLES IN THE AIR, YOUR  
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-HENRY DAVID THOREAU

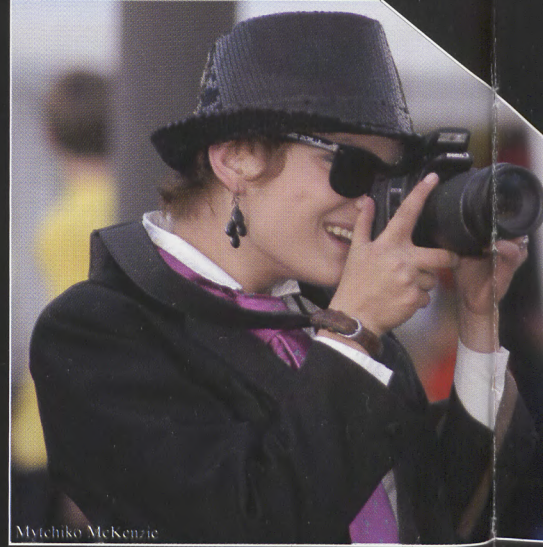




Mary Claire Netterville



Satin Pierce



Mychiko McKenzie



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# SOUTHWEST





# Student Life



# MISS SMCC CROWNS Andre'El Brown

**F**ifth annual Miss SMCC pageant was held on November 3, 2011, in the Alyene and Adene Hurst Auditorium/ Fine Arts Building. The event was directed by Alicia Shows and produced by Lea Touchstone. The Miss SMCC pageant serves as a preliminary to the Miss America pageant. Shelton and Sissy Whittington served as the Master and Mistress of Ceremony. Following the private interview, the participants kicked off the show with an opening number routine to Justin Beiber's "Happy Birthday" and Survivor's "Eye of the

Tiger." The SMCC Stage Band, Satin Pierce, Chase Freeman, and Rob Broyles provided entertainment. Teneeya Naylor said, "Being in this pageant was such an amazing opportunity and experience. I believe that every young woman should participate." Miss SMCC, Andre'El Brown said, "Winning the pageant was awesome. I've realized that doing pageants is a great experience. It was also a way for me to show girls you do not have to be a pageant girl to win a pageant."

-By Shelby Green



above: Princesses:Emme Wallace, Se'Bryana La Shae Forbes James, Lane Burkett, Katherine Bishop, Caroline Touchstone, Baleigh Brumfield, Ruth Bishop, Baleigh Brumfield; bottom: Valerie McKenzie, Charity Edney, Teneeya Taylor, Second Alternate; Andre' El Brown, Miss SMCC; Jessica Agnor, First Alternate, Brittany Sterling,Victoria Ryall; top: Megan Miller, former Miss SMCC, crowns Andre'El Brown as President Bishop presents her with flowers; opposite page: Andre'El Brown, Miss SMCC







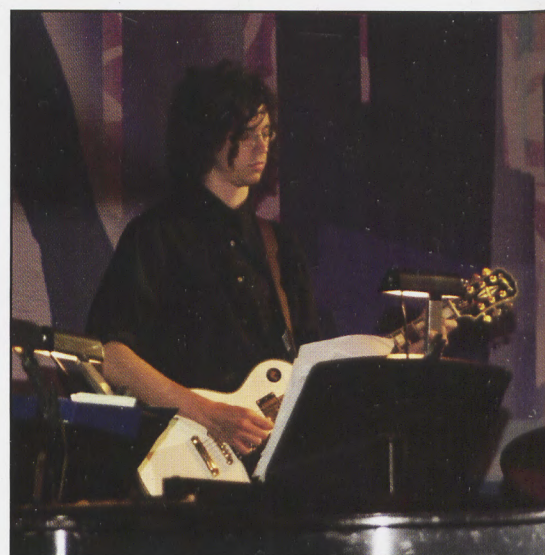


# /// SPRING STAGE BAND SHOW entertains with "Southwest on My Mind."

**S**outhwest's annual Spring Stage Band Show, under the direction of Shelton Whittington, Lea Touchstone, and Rona Culotta, filled the Hurst Auditorium with music and dance the weekend of April 14-16. The vocalists were outstanding this year. Jonathan May thrilled the crowd with his Shinedown worthy rendition of "Second Chance." Leah Evans touched hearts with "Bring on the Rain." Newcomer Shirlon Dillon mesmerized the audience with "Midnight Train to Georgia." The men made the crowd smile with "Walk Like a Man," and Shelby Price and our local veterans brought the audience to its feet with "Thank You," a salute to the men and

women of the armed forces. The vocalists were only one part of this amazing show. The band played beautifully on songs such as "Land of Make Believe" and "Work Song." Colby Crosby amazed the audience not only with his guitar skills in "Freebird," but also with his ready response to Mr. Whittington's Rubik's Cube Challenge. The dancers made the stage light up with their routines to "Fame," "Disco Survives," and the "Conga." The Steel Drum Band, back by popular demand, entertained the crowd with "Coqui" and a lively version of "Under the Sea." The stars of this year show shone brightly, thrilling the audience and making them wish the show would never end.

right: Candice Church, Lacey Jackson, and Ariana Luce play the "Under the Sea" on the steel pans; far right: Colby Crosby performs a guitar solo; bottom: Shelby Price and her backup dancers sing.





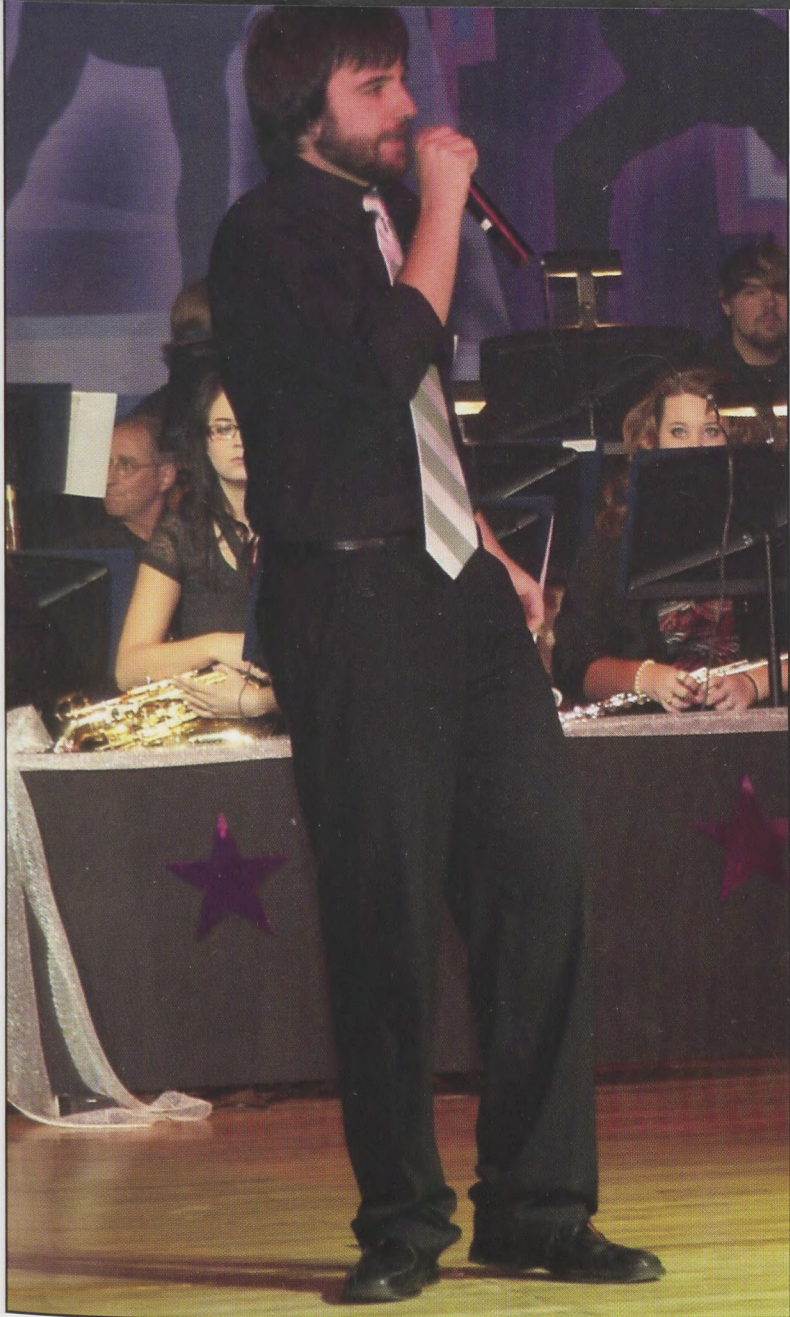




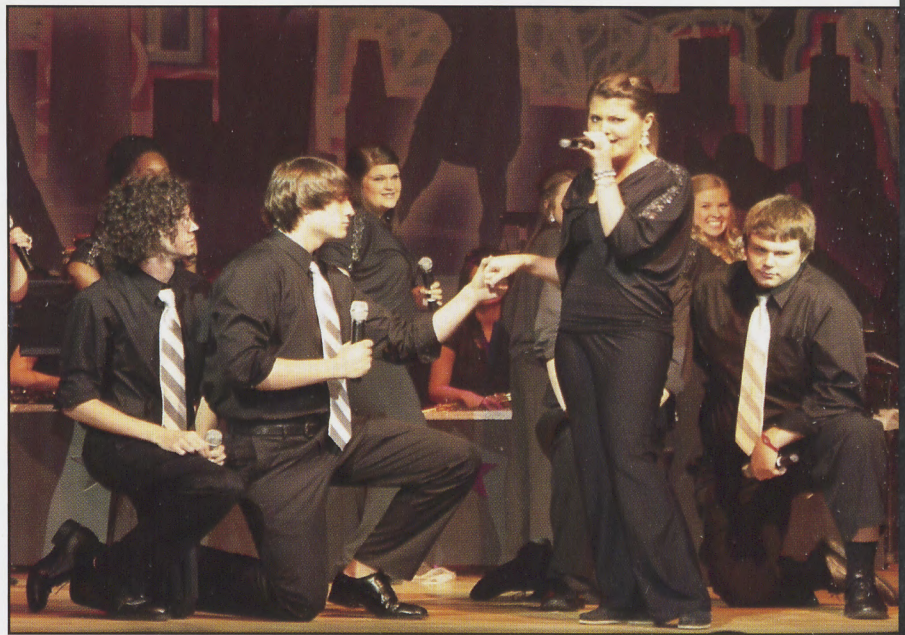


Jalene Dunaway, Teneeya Naylor, and Chelsey Causey show off their dancing skills with the song "Oye Como Va."





# /// SPRING STAGE BAND SHOW



top left: Jonathan May offers a rockstar worthy rendition of "Second Chance"; left: Bridgett Breeland sings "Walk Like a Man"; top right: Colby Crosby, Luke Vincent, and Tanner Watson serenade Shelby Price; bottom right: Shirlon Dillon and Lacey Jackson hit the right notes on their instruments in "Georgia on My Mind."



# BEAR NECESSITIES





# S DAY



## Daring to Win

What comes with winning an event at Bear Necessities Day? Bragging rights, plain and simple. The contestants begin prepping

for their events weeks and sometimes months before the big day to make sure that they win the gold medal.



Men's First Place winners  
Martee Tenner, Ontario Berry,  
Monterio Taylor, Justin Holt, Josh  
Manning, Jermaine Turner, Blake  
Stalons



Women's First Place winners  
Joleigh Hartman, Reina Jones, Rachel  
Cox; back row: Ikea Ashley, Kate Brasher,  
Courtney Reid, Taylor Kelley



Women's Half-Mile Run winner  
Rachel Cox

opposite page: Ikea Ashley and Reina Jones high five each other before the tire push; top of page: Girls pull with the determination to win.





top: Reina Jones, Kate Brasher, and Taylor Kelly pull with the determination to win; middle: Cory Lacy and Brian Cook stretch their arms to pull with all their strength; bottom left: Reneese Wynn shows off her muscles as she pulls the opposing team across the line; middle: Cody Dillard counts the turns on the Dizzy Izzy; middle right: Courtney Reid and Reina Jones fight to win the three-legged race.





# Dizzy Izzy rocks Bear Necessities Day!



April 20th dawned bright and clear, beckoning students from hard work in class for Bear Necessities Day. The teams, dressed in matching shirts and gathered on the football field for a day of competition and fun. The first event was the half-mile run. One member of each team ran as fast as they could to the finish line. While the runners caught their breath, the teams assembled for Coach Dan's famous Tug of War. Cheers and laughter could be heard as each team pulled on the rope with all they had. After the Tug of War, the lunch ladies served a delicious dinner of fried chicken and hamburgers while the SMCC Steel Pan Band entertained the crowd with music.

After lunch, the warriors returned to the battle ground. The first event was the Egg Toss, where team members cheered

on their friends and some unfortunate eggs met the ground and cracked. Next was Doc Coney's famous Tire Push Relay. Team members pushed it to the limit in this timed event. When the last tire rolled across the finish line, the favorite event of the day, the Dizzy Izzy, began. Teammates laughed, cheered, and jumped out of the way as members spun seven times while facing the ground then stumbled back across the finish line to their team. When everyone could see straight again, pairs of teammates hopped and skipped their way to victory in the Three-Legged Race.

Teams ran with all their might in the last team event, the Relay Race. The last event of the day was the Softball Throw. Students and faculty left with sunburns and fantastic memories of this awesome day.

top: Taylor Wilkinson, Leighton Honea, Mary Claire Netterville, and Laura Wallace get fired up; bottom left: Justin Holt throws the softball; bottom middle: Brandi Wilson focuses on the egg in the Egg Toss; Kayla Buie races to win the Tire Push.











## CAST

**Alexander.....Tate Allen, Cody Mills**  
**Mother.....Sarah Beth Furr, Valerie LeBlanc**  
**Father.....Tanner Watson, Ben Griffin**  
**Nick & Albert.....David Summerlin**  
**Anthony.....Krystal Robertson**  
**Audrey & Rachel.....Ariana Luce**  
**Paul & Swoozie.....Andrew Harrison**  
**Samantha Rooney.....Brandi Causey**

**Other characters were played by a variety of all cast members.**

### PRODUCTION STAFF & CREW

**Musical Director.....Joe Elliot**  
**Producer & Set Designer.....Connie Lambuth**  
**Lighting Designer.....Scott Stinson, Andrew Dale**  
**Special Art Design.....Dub Brock, Brandi Causey**  
**Sound.....Nathan Wells**  
**Musicians.....Lacey Wallace, Satin Pierce,  
 Chase Freeman, Jesse McDaniel,  
 Connor Raborn**  
**Program Designer.....Connie Lambuth**  
**Choreographer.....Lea Touchstone**

**Special thanks to Joe Papisan and Brandi Causey for their help backstage.**

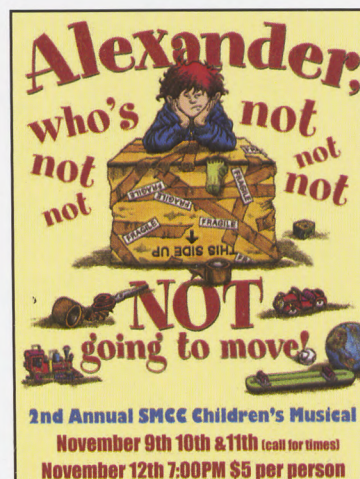
# ALEXANDER, WHO'S NOT NOT NOT NOT NOT NOT GOING TO MOVE!

By Judith Viorst

Alexander returned this year with the all new SMCC Fine Arts production based on Judith Viorst's classic book *Alexander, Who's Not (Do you hear me? I mean it!) Going to Move*. His dad had a new job and Alexander faced moving away from everything he knew and loved. He did not want to leave his friends, his soccer team or his babysitter. He tried moving in with neighbors, friends and even said he would live in a tent. His brothers teased him and called him immature, while his mom encouraged him to say goodbye to his friends. Alexander learned that home was truly where the heart was and the important parts of home were not left behind. Several

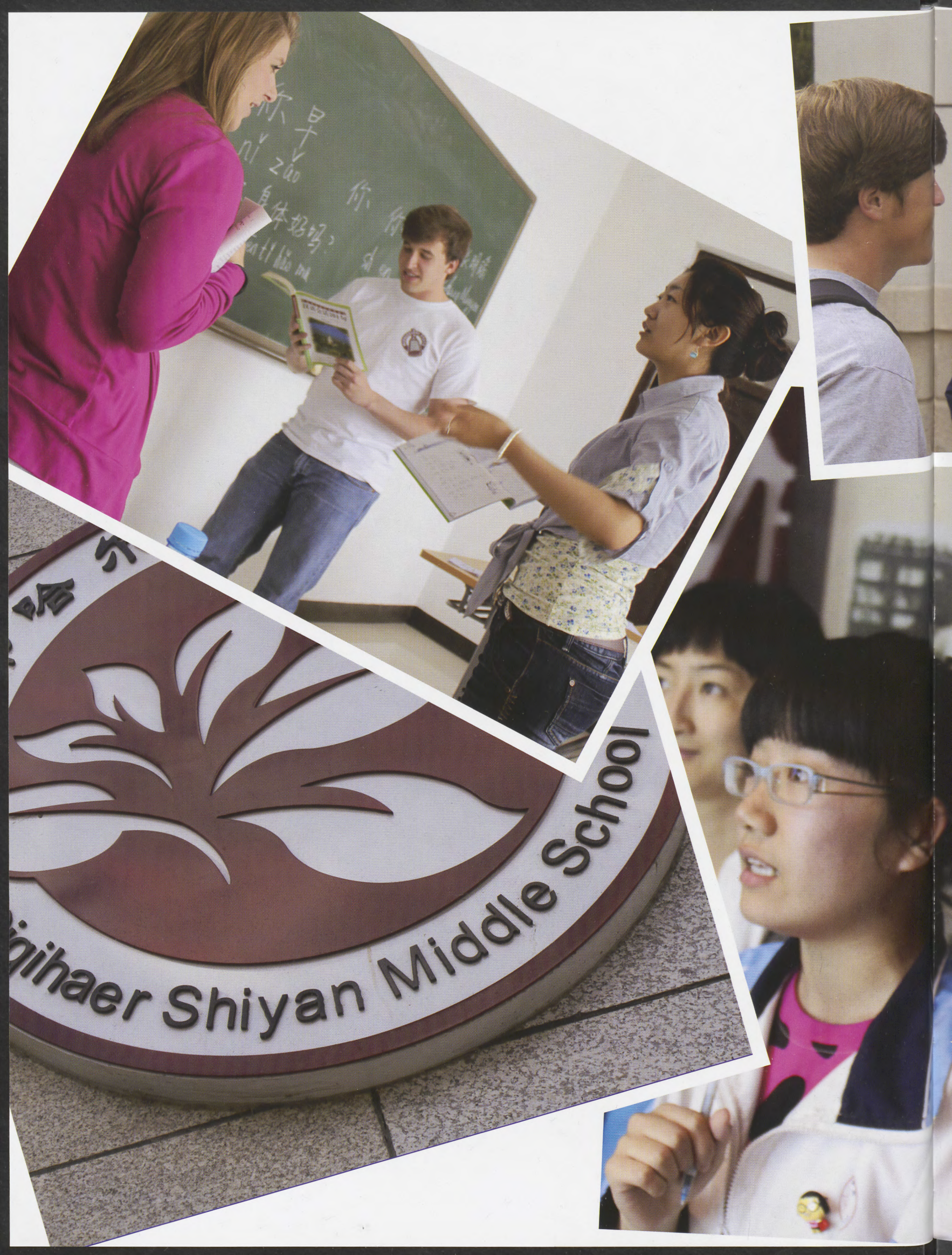
SMCC students performed in the show and everyone had a great time. "I really can't decide on a favorite part, the entire play was so good and so put together! I definitely enjoyed watching Tate jump up and down the stage and on boxes like a monkey." - Jumana Khalaf, sophomore

-By David Summerlin

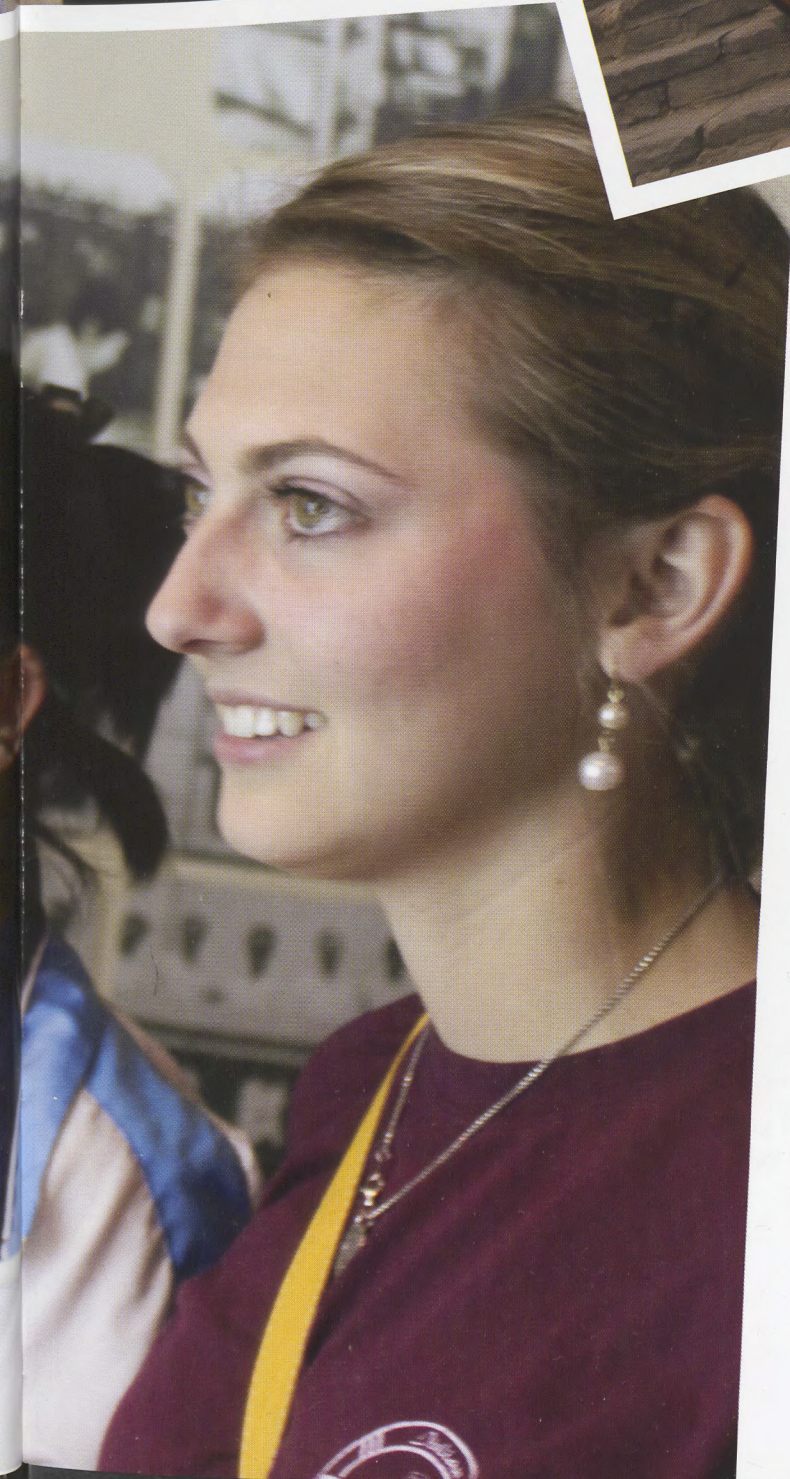
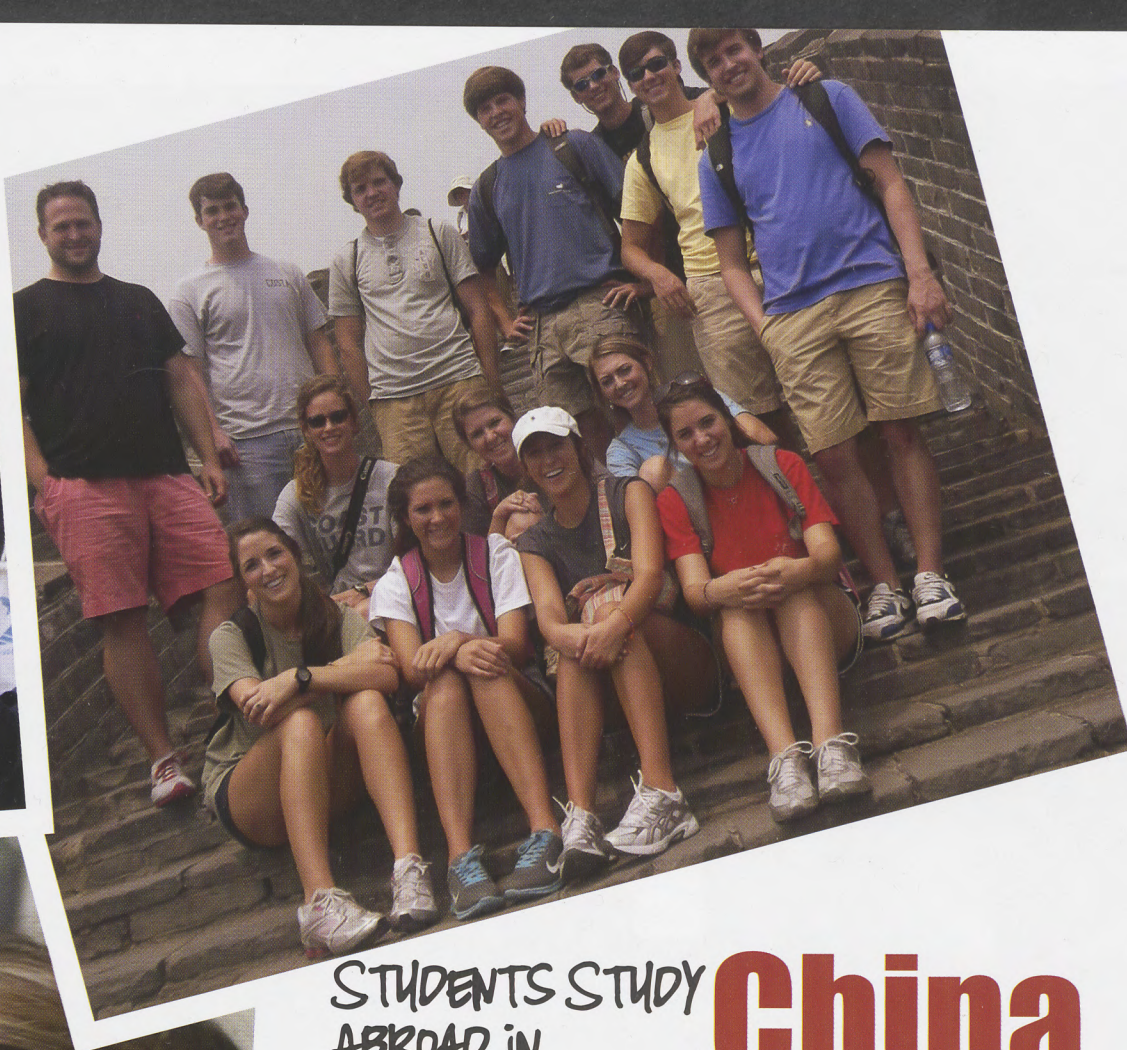


opposite page: Andrew Harrison, Tate Allen, Ariana Luce, and David Summerlin get Alexander out of a pickle barrel; top: Krystal Robertson, David Summerlin, Tate Allen, and Andrew Harrison have a tug-of-war competition over the big move; right: Andrew Harrison, Valerie LeBlanc, and Tate Allen try to get Swoozie to give Alexander his pants back.









## STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD IN **China**

In May 2011, twelve students and two chaperones from SMCC Baptist Student Union took a mission trip to QiQiHar, China, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. The two groups of students, the BSU students and the Chinese students, taught each other their native languages over a course of two weeks. During their time in China, the BSU introduced the Holy Bible to students who have never seen it. Getting to know students and experiencing their culture was a fun adventure in itself, but getting to share Christ through Bible studies was truly a blessing! One of the best experiences for the BSU students was to witness people coming to know Jesus Christ who didn't know him. "God has really called me to be a missionary in China because of the many people that do not know Jesus Christ. It was a great experience to be

able to share the gospel and change people's lives. Also, the experience there has made a deep lasting impact on me," said John David Montgomery, "Sharing the Gospel has a great impact on the people who do not know the Lord."

One of the most emotional parts of this trip was discovering what sweet, caring, and good people the Chinese are, yet knowing they are lost and searching just because of the country in which they were born. The BSU also visited many schools in the area and held conferences to tell the Chinese people about American colleges. The BSU students also enjoyed many great activities throughout the week which included visiting the Great Wall of China, the 2008 Olympic Site in Beijing, and an acrobat show.

by John David Montgomery and Rachel Cox

opposite page: top left: Sarah Beth Furr and Connor Alford recite Chinese; top middle: Jody Lampton makes a new friend; top right: Justine Wilkinson, Jana Hutson, Caitlin Adams, Rachel Cox, Jessie Altman, Sara Beth Furr, Chelsey Causey, Anthony "Twan" Britt, Taylor Allen, John David Montgomery, Jody Lampton, Jared Leonard, Ken Wicker, and Connor Alford visit the Great Wall; bottom left: Chelsey Causey observes Chinese culture.





# Meet the Bears PACKS THE BUILDING!

**H**orace C. Holmes Student Union was packed with people for the SMCC Meet the Bears function, a time for students and teachers alike to be introduced to the members of the SMCC Bears sports teams. The night began with an introduction to the event in its entirety, after which the band played their rendition of "We're Not Gonna Take It." This was followed by the presentation of the freshman and sophomore baseball teams.

The band played another tune and then the basketball teams were introduced. This was followed by the cheerleaders, who built up suspense to their routine by making their way into a large crowd of people in order to "do their thing." They did not disappoint.

Girls' soccer was presented to the crowd, followed by a truly dynamic routine from the dance team. Boys' soccer

came next, succeeded by an introduction to the band members. The football players were announced, and the crowd went wild!

Half the audience was screaming and shouting like crazy. Coach Charles Anthony finished his introduction with an enthusiastic, "It's a great day to be a bear!" After which everybody cheered at the top of their lungs. The excitement was almost tangible.

When asked their thoughts on the evening, people who were still teeming with energy were quick to give opinions.

"It was good. It was good to get to know the other teams and good to get excited to watch them. We're going to fill up the gym for basketball this year!" – Joshua Biannon

By Jane O'Rourke



"It was really really hot.."

--Julie-Raye Morel

"It was nice. One of the best. I enjoyed the cheerleaders. It was just a great night."

-- Shirlon Dillon

"There was lots of energy."

-- Joe Papisan

"It was good. It was good to get to know the other teams and good to get excited to watch them. We're going to fill up the gym for basketball this year!" --Joshua Bianon



"IT WAS GOOD TO GET TO KNOW THE OTHER TEAMS AND GOOD TO GET EXCITED TO WATCH THEM."

—JOSHUA BIANNON



opposite page: Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs, introduces the coaches; top: Jed Rodgers, Chris Cooley, and Justin Hatcher walk across the stage as they are introduced; middle: Barry the Bear shouts, "Go Bears!"; top left: Morgan Shockley, Haley Mann, Ethan Young, and Cory Smith chant cheers; left: Lacey Orr and Rachel Cox announce SGA activities.



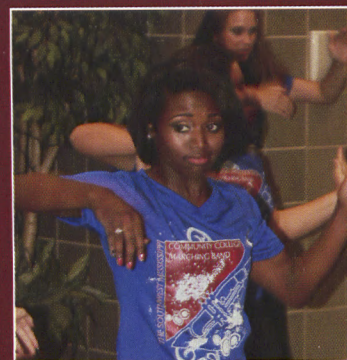
Valerie McKenzie, Laken Crosby and Jalene Dunaway keep the beat as they thrill the crowd with their routine before the football players are introduced.

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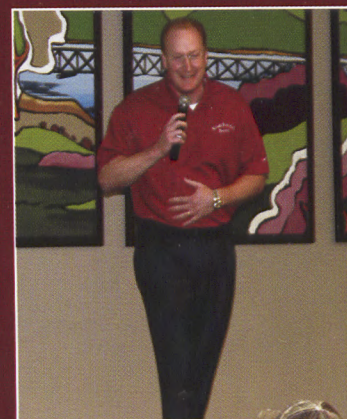
Bear football players dreamed of touchdowns; Bear basketball players dreamed of goals; Bear dancers dreamed of perfect routines; Bear cheerleaders dreamed perfect pyramids; and Bear coaches dreamed of wins!!!!



Softball players, Brooke Szigett, Rachel Smith, Tipheri Grimes, and Rhae Lyons, are introduced to fans.



Andre' El Brown moves to the music.



President Bishop gives a pep talk.



right: Jordan King, Karinlee Brister, and Richard Hodges welcome students to Southwest; bottom: Mitra Ellzey shows off her face painting; bottom right: Zibble da Bear and Corey Smith try to rally the crowd.



# Tailgating

WELCOMES STUDENTS

Tailgating at Southwest Mississippi Community College was the place to be before the big game. In an open area beside Kenna Hall, students found an assortment of activities waiting to hype them up for the football game. The Bear Trackers had a booth set up to sell charity tickets. The Southwest Alumni Association was selling raffle tickets for a Cadillac. Students, faculty, and alumni were provided with free hamburgers and baked beans by the cafeteria, and Coca-Cola had free drinks, as well as free Five Hour Energy shots. SMCC's President, Dr. Steve Bishop was busy giving Robbie Hamilton of the K106 radio station an interview as the

cheerleaders began to rally the students by leading some favorite cheers. Members of the Army brought a rock wall for students to climb, and the Marines brought in chin-up bars to challenge the Bears. The Southwest Bear himself made the rounds through the crowd and played with children and had a little fun with the students, too. The tailgating event ended with the band marching up the street and performing while the dance line danced beside them. Students and faculty alike enjoyed the fun times before heading to the stadium for some good ole Bear football!

—By Mary-Allyn Foster







top center: Lacey Orr and Jessica Agnor paint Leanna Hill and Aaron Ellzey's faces; left: Michael Williams attempts to complete a pull-up at the Marine registration booth; bottom: Jalene Dunaway pumps up the crowd while the band plays the fight song.





# Discover Southwest

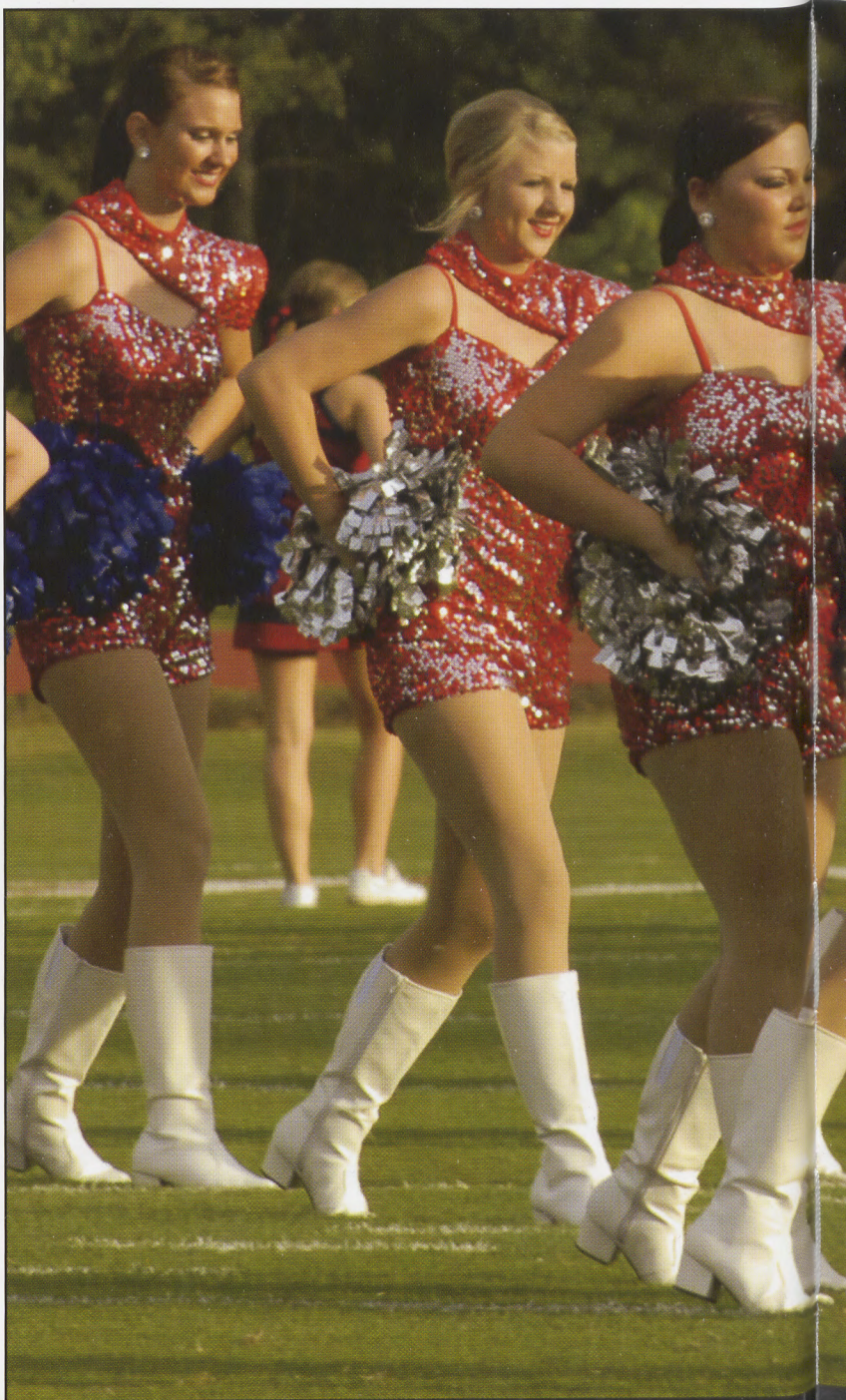
"DISCOVER SOUTHWEST WAS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE,"  
SHELBY GREEN.

**T**hursday, September 1, 2011, students, faculty, staff, and alumni gathered beside Kenna Hall to celebrate Southwest. Everyone was excited for the first game of the season against Holmes. One could hear the band playing in the background. A fun jump was set up for entertainment. A rock wall for the daring was sponsored by the National Guard. The cafeteria staff provided hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and other food for

the guests. Picnic tables and lawn chairs filled the area.

The band and dance line performed after the cheerleaders held a pep rally. As 6:30 drew closer the anticipation was more intense as the Bears triumphed over Holmes. "Discover Southwest was a unique experience and gave me a chance to get to know more students at SMCC," said Shelby Green, freshman, Art Therapy student.

-By Tara Breland

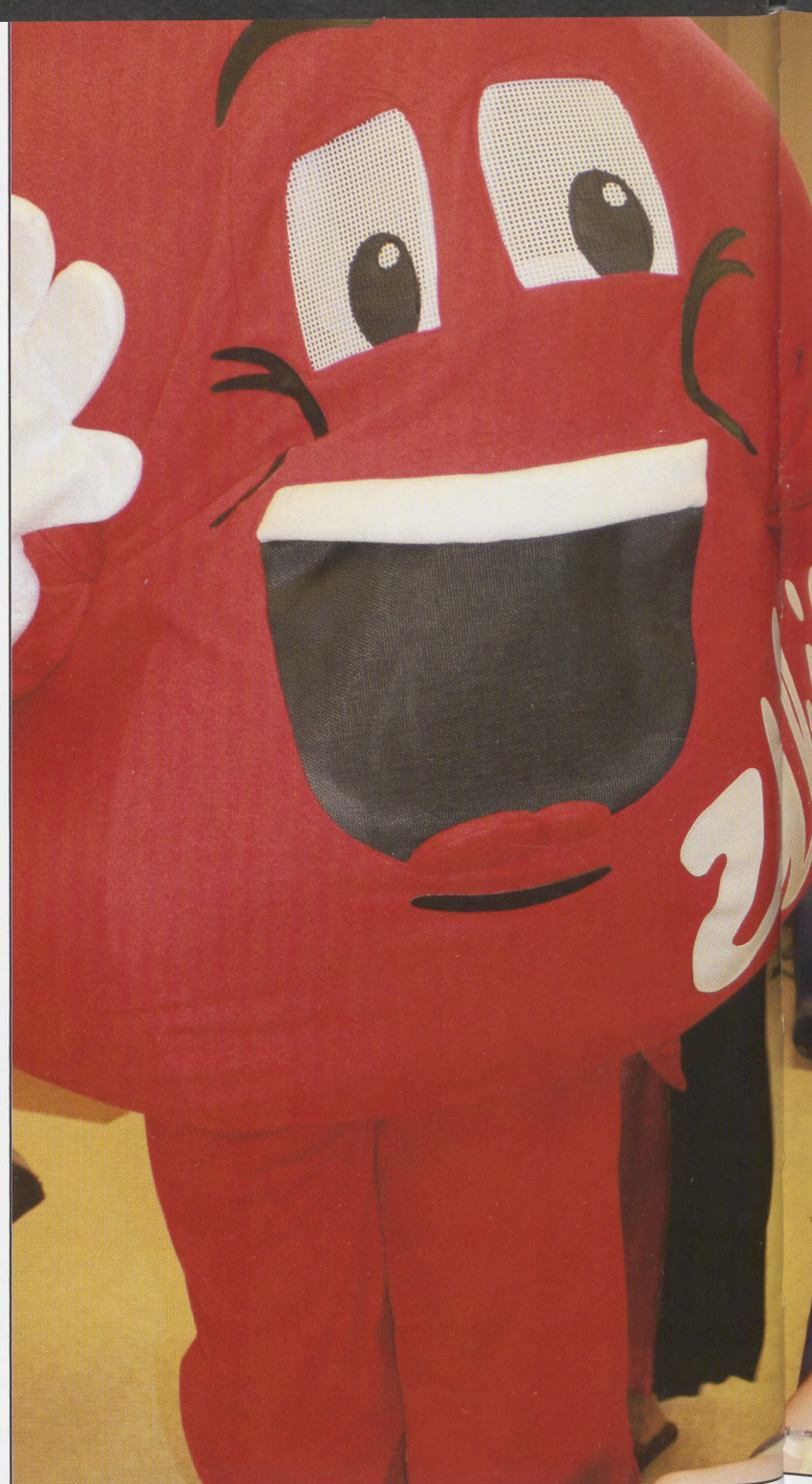


above: Chelsey Johnson plays during halftime; top right: Satin Pierce sings with the band; opposite page top left: Christina Granger and Kaitlin Nettles perform at a football game; opposite page top right: Chase Freeman strums the electric guitar during the halftime show; opposite page bottom right: Lacey Orr assists seniors at "Discover Southwest" night; this page bottom: The SMCC Dance Line dances onto the field.











# Campus Events

## Wake Up and Smell the Spirit!

Throughout the year, students with varied dreams came together as one at numerous Southwest events. Spirits soared at pep-rallies with high hopes of victory in the season ahead as the band, dancers, and cheerleaders delivered a bolstering performance. SMCC's 2011 Fall Blood Drive, themed "Vampires (academic students) Versus Zombies (career-technical students)," pooled 173 units of blood, overflowing the set goal of 165 units, a token of Southwest's sanguine spirit. Even when rain drove the annual "See You at the Pole"

assembly indoors, that same spirit remained undampened in the students who gathered for worship and prayer.

Along with the traditional campus events were some new additions. Normally non-athletic students had a chance to take the field with a variety of intramural sports such as dodgeball, flag football, and volleyball. Southwest also hosted its first bonfire, where the students and faculty rallied in anticipation for a blaze of glory against SMCC's heated rival, Co-Lin.

-- By Joe Papisan

opposite page: bottom left: Shelby Green studies information about the University of Southern Mississippi during College Transfer Day; top left: Jalene Dunaway dances to "Dynamite" at the first pep rally; left: Alyssa Smith smiles at Ubie, the Blood Drop, as she gives blood in the campus-wide Blood Drive which collected the most blood in the history of the college; bottom: Randy Achord helps students with the bonfire.



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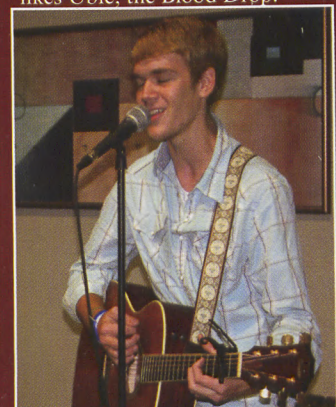
Southwest was full of dreamers and daring students, but most importantly the students were doers. Whether it was donating blood for the blood drive, playing intramurals for the first time in SMCC history, or leading others to "See You At The Pole," no one knows how to get things done like Southwest Bears!



Carter Kittrell, Robert Anderson, Vishal Kaushal; second row: Michael Ziebol, Cody McDavid, Chase Patrick, Devin Hughes, Daniel Donohue, Brian Pittman, Justin Dyar, and Logan Conerly win first place for football intramurals.



Debbie Watkins, the Vampire, likes Ubie, the Blood Drop.



Matthew Smith leads students in worship at "See You At The Pole."



# Homecoming IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A BEAR!

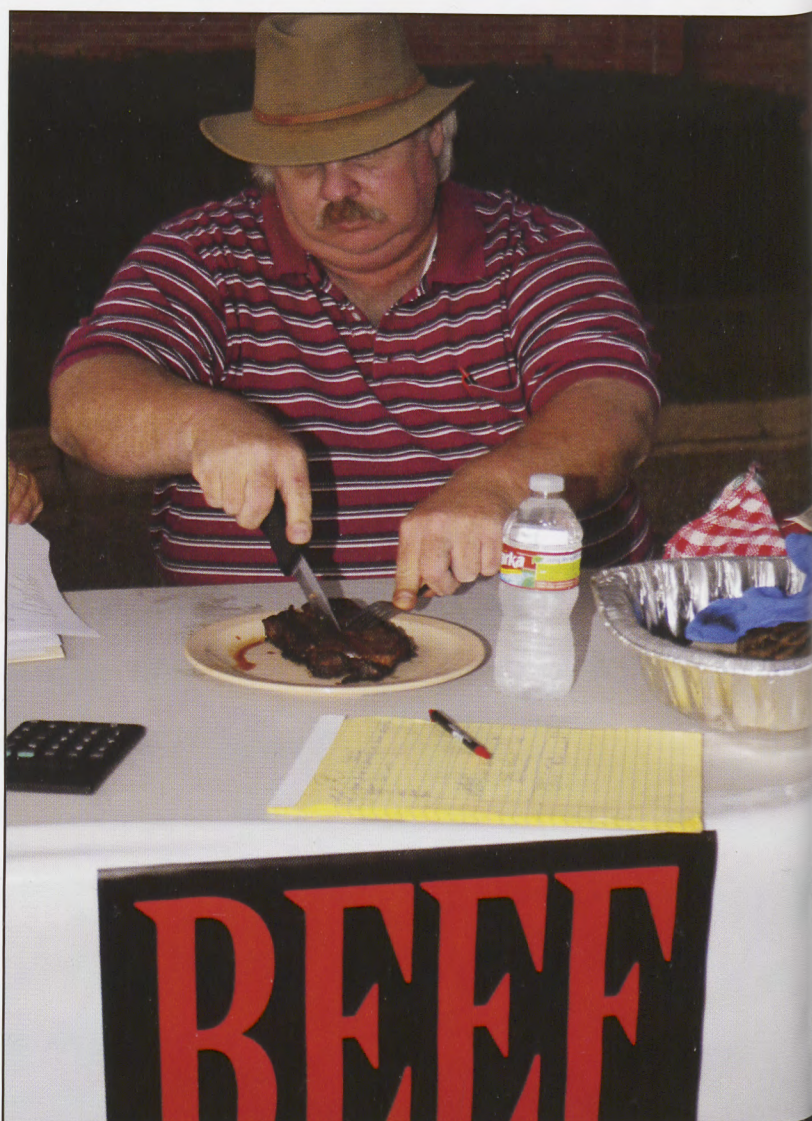
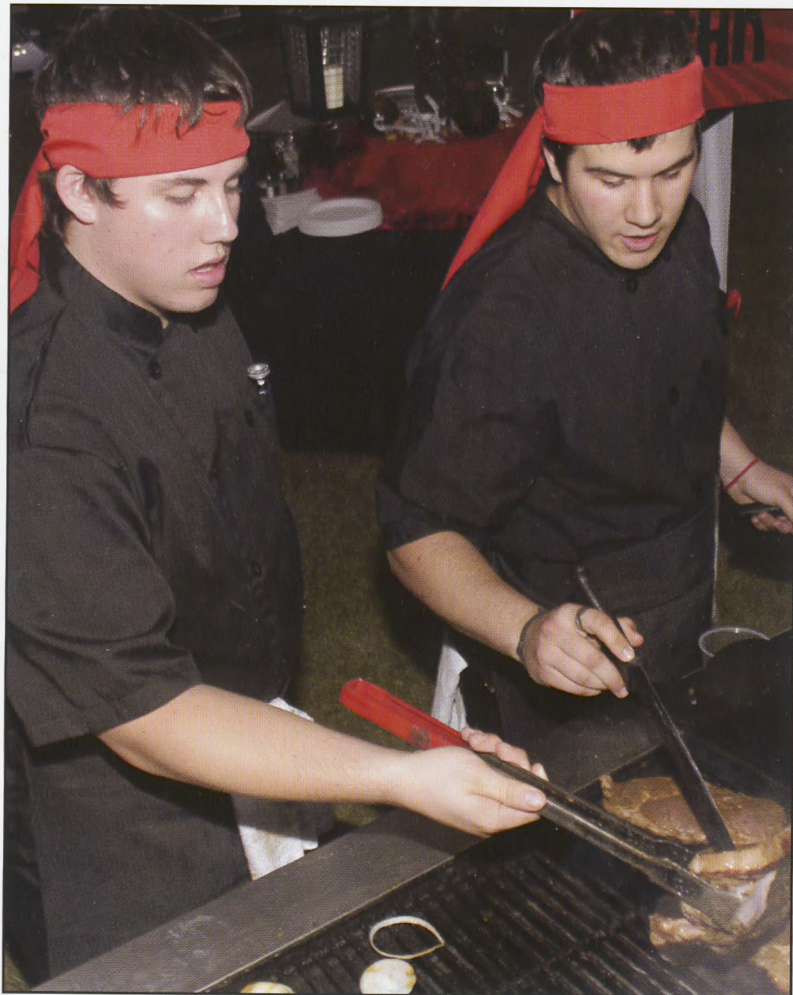
**H**omecoming was an exciting time of the year for the SMCC Bears. School spirit ran rampant on campus as the week of exciting activities got underway with a cookout in front of the cafeteria and Huddleston Career- Technical Building. The activities included various contests of texting and hot dog eating followed by the pep rally with presentation of court. Thursday's events began with supper in the cafeteria. Later in the evening a rousing game of Powder Puff Football was presented to excited onlookers. Although his team did not win, John David Montgomery had this to say about the thrilling game, "It's not always about winning and what's on the scoreboard, but it's more important to have fun with the experience."

Friday saw many thrilling undertakings starting with supper in the open area of the Huddleston Building, while a little later participants took part in a myriad of fun filled contests that included a steak eating contest and silent auction. Activities continued through the evening with a

dunking booth to "Dunk the Dean for a Dollar" along with the homecoming queen, robo cop and Joe Elliott. When asked about the experience, SMCC's own Taylor Vines said, "It was a lot of fun." More events were also held, like a boxing arena, coke drinking contest and musical entertainment by Satin Pierce and band, and Shelby Price. The last day of homecoming began early with a 5k run/walk, and many turned out to take part in this cardio event. Jamie O'Quin, who took part in the 5k, had this to say, "I really enjoyed myself and it was nice to see so many participants." Afterward a silent auction was held as well as the first ever Homecoming Parade held in downtown Summit. This was the first time for the parade and it was a stellar success. Later in the afternoon induction was held for distinguished alumni and sports hall of fame and a reception followed. The tailgate was also held before the game. But the most exciting part of the week was the Homecoming game against Hinds County, and it was truly a great day to be a Bear!

-By Jamie Roberts

opposite page top left: Sarah Beth Furr runs from Chelsey Causey as Furr's teammates try to tackle their opponent; opposite page bottom left: Blues Brother Tanner Watson sings "Chicago;" bottom right: Larry Holmes judges a steak at the Steak Cookoff; bottom left: Gary Havlin and Leo Caire flip their steaks.





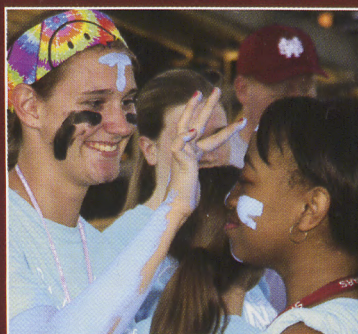


## IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A BEAR!

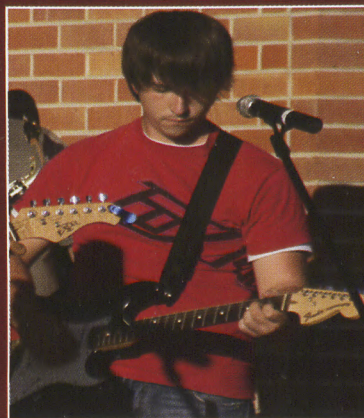
With all sorts of events from dunking the Homecoming Queen or Dean of Students, to battling fellow students for the best steak, to an intense game of Powder Puff Football, it was a great day to be a Bear. No matter what the event, there was guaranteed fun for all!



Homecoming Queen Sarah Beth Furr waits to hit the water in the dunking booth.



Julie Morel paints her teammate Victoria Mackabee.



Chase Freeman plays "Chicago" during the steak cook off.



# Homecoming Court STUNS THE CROWD



**Homecoming Queen**  
*Sara Beth Furr*



**Student Body Maid**  
*Lacey Orr*



front: Ruth Bishop and Carter Biggers; second row: Haley Lambert, Chelsey Causey, Elizabeth Hughes, Queen Sara Beth Furr, Hali Sasser, Lacey Orr, Rachel Cox, Victoria Price, and Jessica Agnor; back row: Chad Lambert, Brent Causey, Curt Hughes, President Steve Bishop, Albert Furr, Troy Orr, David Cox, Joe Price, and Warren Agnor.



Hali Sasser crowns Sara Beth Furr Homecoming queen during halftime.





Sophomore Maid  
*Chelsey Causey*



Sophomore Maid  
*Rachel Cox*



Sophomore Maid  
*Elizabeth Hughes*



Freshman Maid  
*Jessica Agnor*



Freshman Maid  
*Haley Lambert*



Freshman Maid  
*Victoria Price*



# HOMECOMING DAY

"The best part about it was definitely the parade."

- David Summerlin

**I**t was definitely a great day to be a bear on October 15, 2011, when Southwest Mississippi Community College kicked off their homecoming day with the annual 5K Run/Walk and 1K Run/Walk.

Festivities were continued with SMCC's first ever homecoming parade. All sorts of organizations from campus created floats to be shown off during the historic event. The Bear Trackers won the contest for the best float.

"Everything was awesome, but the best part about it was definitely the parade," sophomore David Summerlin said.

The Southwest Mississippi Art Guild sponsored an art show in the library afterwards. At one o'clock, the Homecoming

Honorees were introduced for the year.

The homecoming queen Sarah Beth Furr and her court were recognized, as well as sophomore players. The honorees and others were then invited to a reception in the Horace C. Holmes Student Union. Southwest Bears then gathered their daring and kicked off the game against Hinds County Community College. Students, faculty, alumni, and other fans cheered on their favorite team as they fought during the game.

At half-time, the homecoming honorees were introduced and Sarah Beth Furr was crowned Homecoming Queen.

--By Mary-Allyn Foster

top right: Alonah Malendres marches down the street of Summit during the Homecoming Parade; opposite page: Jordan King, Russell Perry, Connie Lambuth, and Avery Polk wave from the winning Fine Arts float as it rolls down the parade route; bottom right: Event coordinator, Jerry Malone and Coach Brad Phillips check the runners' times.; bottom: Satin Pierce sings "The Lazy Song" during halftime of the Homecoming game; bottom middle: Shelby Price waves to crowd who lined Robb Street; below: Asia Hilbert plays her horn as the crowd cheers.









# ///Alumni Foundation recognizes Homecoming Honorees



**Billy Biggers**  
2011 Alumnus of the Year

## **William S. "Billy" Biggers** 2011 Alumnus of the Year

**S**on of the late Johnny and Evelyn Biggers, William S. "Billy" Biggers was born and raised in McComb. After graduating from McComb High School in 1980, he attended Mississippi College for one year on a baseball scholarship before returning to Southwest Mississippi Community College where he graduated in 1982 with an Associate of Arts degree. He received his Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from Mississippi State University in 1985.

Having worked twenty-one years for British Petroleum, where he held numerous engineering and production-operational positions both onshore and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, Biggers has managed Denbury Resources' assets in Southwest Mississippi for the past five years. He is an active member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Oilfield Christian Ministries.

He has served as Vice-President of the SMCC Foundation and Chairman of the

Scholarship Committee. He currently serves on SMCC's Process Technology Advisory Committee and was recently appointed to the SMCC District Workforce Development Council. He was instrumental in the development of SMCC's Process Technology Program and in obtaining numerous scholarships for the SMCC Foundation and funding for the Regional Workforce Center. He works diligently to procure funding and scholarships for the Foundation and College and donates needed equipment to the Process Technology Program and the Regional Workforce Center.

A resident of Summit, Mississippi, Billy is married to Freya Biggers. They have three children, Cass, Kalin McCabe, and Carter. He is an active member of First Baptist Church in Summit, where he is a Sunday school teacher. He spends most of his free time with his family, enjoys following his children's extracurricular activities, and has volunteered as a Little League coach for over twenty years.



**Krandall Howell**  
Distinguished Alumnus

## **Krandall Howell** Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

**A**s a youngster, Krandall Howell would stand on his Robb Street corner waiting for the Southwest Bear Basketball Team Bus and Coach Horace Holmes to pick him up and take him to games. This was the beginning of his love affair with SMCC.

After graduating from McComb High School, Krandall attended Southwest from 1960 to 1962. As a sophomore, he gave Oliver Young's nominating speech for student body president. In spite of a great speech, Oliver lost the election!

While at Southwest, Krandall finally realized the value of an education with teachers such as Olive Hay, Hazel Lansing, J.E. "Shorty" Magee, and Horace Holmes. He began basketball under Horace Holmes but a bad back brought his career to an end. McComb Supt. R.S. Simpson asked Krandall to coach the McComb Junior High Basketball team while he was a sophomore at SMCC. He took a team that had lost their first three games to a team that won fifteen games.

From Southwest, he attended the University of Southern Mississippi. During his senior year he obtained the Volkswagen Franchise, started a business, and married Winnie Len Ingram. Later, Krandall and Winnie Len went back to school and received their MS Southern degrees.

The Howells are the parents of two grown

children. Paige is president of Howell Motors and a member of the SMCC Foundation Board. Hope Howell Thompson is a professor at SMCC. They have been blessed with five grandchildren, Taylor and Hayes Thompson and Hadley, Whitley, and Kran Howell—all students at North Pike. Presently, Krandall is CEO of Howell Motors. He was the first import franchise dealer (Volkswagen) on the MS Automobile Dealers Association. He has been a Baptist his entire life, either at FBC of Summit or FBC of McComb. He was ordained a deacon at Summit FBC at twenty-one years of age. He has taught Sunday School since he was seventeen years of age. Krandall has served as chairman of these committees: Deacons, Stewardship, Personnel Stained Glass, and others. He is a life member of the SMCC Alumni Association and has established ministerial scholarships at SMCC and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Other civic responsibilities include: Chairman of Pike County Jury Commission at its inception—serving 20 years, Charter member of the Pike County Arts Council, past member of the McComb Exchange Club, one of the original organizers and directors of Pike County National Bank, President of McComb High School Athletic Boosters Club, baseball coach of 1978 State Babe Ruth Champions, organizer of McComb Peewee Football and a basketball league at age 19, and an assistant commissioner of 9/10 year old Dixie Youth Baseball League. This past summer at age 68 he helped his son coach the Howell Motors nine and ten year old team which went 15 and 3 and won their league.



**Gordon L. 'Sam' King**  
**Distinguished Alumnus of the Year**

**G**ordon L "Sam" King has been a correspondent, sportswriter, sports editor and columnist for fifty-two years (1957-2009) for The Advocate and State-Times (defunct afternoon paper).

He graduated from Live Oak High School and Southwest Mississippi Junior College. He attended Louisiana State University.

While at Southwest, he penned columns for McComb Enterprise-Journal "From the Bear's Den" and also participated in tennis and baseball.

He started one of the first weekly newspaper sports sections in Louisiana for Denham Springs News, now Livingston Parish News, one of the first radio sports talk shows and daily sports and outdoor reports at WLBI in Denham Springs. He won many awards for his columns, stories, features, photography and sports sections in state, bi-state and national competition.

**Eldredge Boyd**  
**Sports Hall of Fame**

**E**ldredge Boyd was born in Jayess, MS on September 15, 1937. He attended Enon High School, graduating second in his class. While at Enon, he played basketball six years and received the athletic award at graduation.

After graduation, he was awarded a basketball scholarship by Southwest Mississippi Junior College to play for Coach Horace Holmes. While at Southwest, he majored in mathematics and started for two years on the varsity basketball teams that came in second in state both years. He averaged approximately 13 points per game and 8 to 10 rebounds. He was presented the athletic award at his Southwest graduation. He served as sophomore class officer and president of the opera society. He credits Coach Holmes for being the most positive influence on his life other than his parents.

After graduating from Southwest, he was awarded a basketball scholarship by William Carey College where he was a two year starter for the Crusaders. While at Carey, he was vice president of the student. Upon graduation, he received his degree in mathematics. It was while at Carey, that he met and later married his wife of 52 years,

**Robert E. Hayes, Jr.**  
**Sports Hall of Fame**

**R**obert E. Hayes, Jr. (Robbie) is the forty-one (41) year old son of Bobby and Cindy Hayes of Liberty, Mississippi. He and his wife, Emily, have one child, Rob, who is seven (7) years old. His sister, Susan Hayes Davis, is also a graduate of Southwest Mississippi Community College and former cheerleader. His family has endowed scholarships at both Southwest Mississippi Community College and MSU in honor of his late daughter, Emma Grace Hayes, who passed away in July 2007 at the age of 4 months. Robbie graduated from Amite School Center in 1988. Upon graduating from ASC, he attended Southwest Mississippi Community College on baseball and academic scholarships. Mr. Hayes graduated from Southwest in 1989 and continued his education at Mississippi State University, where he was a member of the varsity baseball team and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He graduated from MSU in December 1992 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies Education. He obtained his Master of Science degree in Social Studies Education from MSU in August 1996. Upon graduation from MSU, Mr. Hayes worked in sales at Day Motors in McComb. Following that he worked in the Clinton Public Schools as a

He was named Mac Russo Award winner in the Louisiana Sports Writers Association for lifetime achievement. He has been honored for contributions to college football by the All-American Football Foundation and the College Football Foundation. King has also been honored by the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Louisiana High School Athletic Association.

King and his wife, Linda, have two daughters, Sharon King and Susan Gremillion, and two sons, Sammy and Terry King. They are blessed with six grandchildren: Allyson, Hannah, Sasha, Bryce, Mariya and Ayli, as well as one great-grandson, Evan.

Sarah Jo Thornhill Boyd. They have four children, one deceased, and three grandchildren.

After graduating from William Carey, he taught math and coached at Picayune High School, Independence, LA High School, Baton Rouge, LA High School and Salem High School. In Baton Rouge his basketball teams won the Jr. High City Championship. He coached and taught math at Salem High for four years. While at Salem, his football teams went from having never won a game (only two years of prior football) to winning a conference championship. During both his 3rd and 4th years, they had impressive 7-3 records. His Junior High teams had equally impressive records. His baseball teams were state runners-ups in his 3rd year and undefeated state class A champions in his 4th year (1967). While at Salem he was awarded Outstanding Young Educator of Walthall County by The Jaycees, Coach of the Year by the Mid-South Conference and received the Sportsmanship Award by the Southwest MS Officials Association.

Upon leaving Salem, he changed professions and entered the banking business where he remained for thirty years. He was recognized on several occasions for his outstanding accomplishments by his employers.

teacher and assistant baseball and football coach for two and a half years. He later served as a teacher and head baseball coach at Brookhaven High School for two seasons and was named the Brookhaven Daily Leader's Coach of the Year in 1998 and 99 and District 7-4A Coach of the Year in 1999. While coaching at Brookhaven, his teams broke what was then the school record for wins in 1998 and 99, and were District 7-4A runners-up in 1998 and district champions in 1999 when his team made it to the state quarter finals. During his time as a baseball coach, he worked as an associate scout for the Philadelphia Phillies. Robbie completed his Juris Doctorate degree from Mississippi College School of Law in 2002. While in law school, he was the recipient of the Frascogna Courtney Outstanding Student Award for Sports and Entertainment Law and served as 1L and 2L Class Senator. Since law school, Mr. Hayes has worked for Rozier Law Firm, P.C. and McCraney & Montagnet, PLLC in Jackson, Mississippi, and Robinson, Biggs, Ingram, Solop & Farris, PLLC in Oxford, Mississippi. He has also served as the assistant city attorney and is currently an assistant city prosecutor for the City of Southaven. He also served as an Adjunct Professor of Sports Law at Mississippi College. Mr. Hayes is a founding member of Rozier Hayes, PLLC, which has offices in Oxford and Southaven,



**Sam King**  
**Distinguished Alumnus**

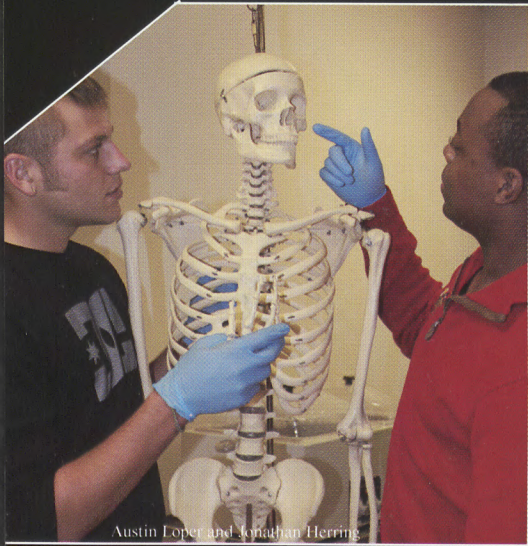


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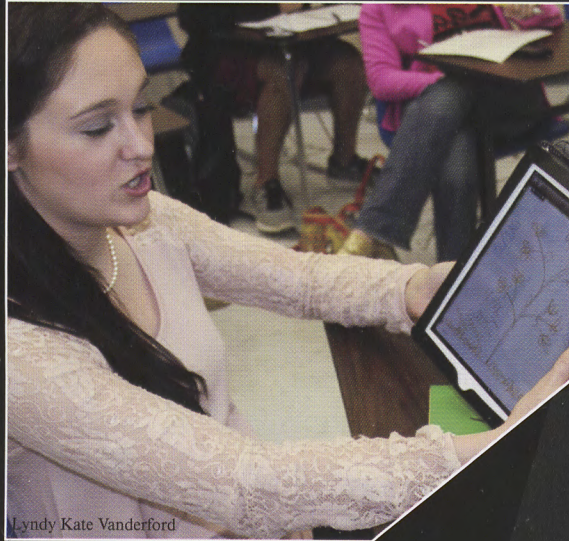


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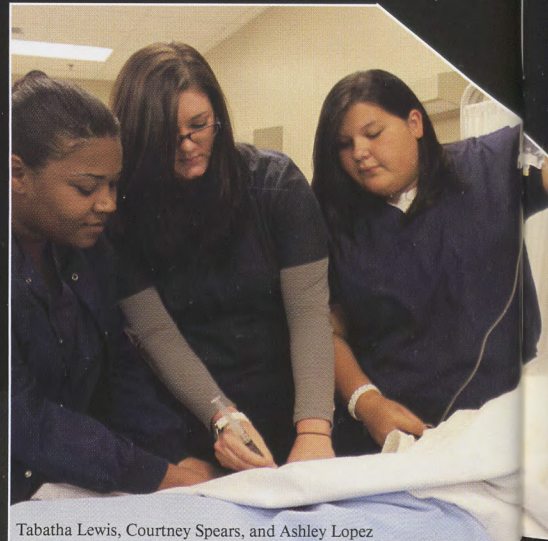




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Tabatha Lewis, Courtney Spears, and Ashley Lopez



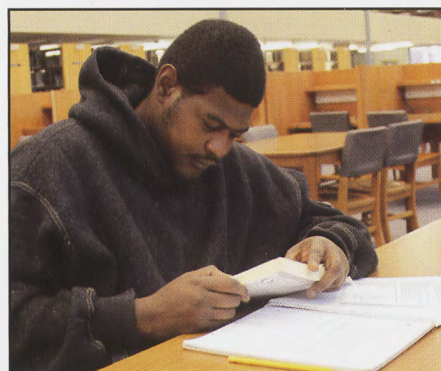
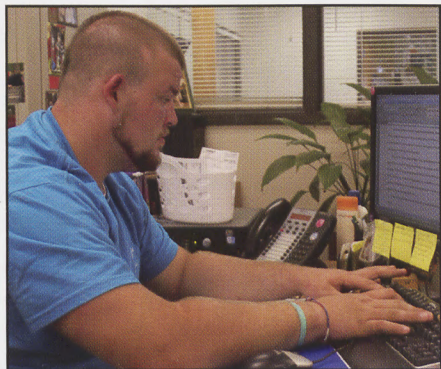
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# SOUTHWEST



# **Academics**





right: Terrance Evans and Elena Culpepper prepare to write an essay in Joyce Mabry's English class; top: Jason Chaisson completes an English assignment in the library's computer lab; middle: Chris Felder and Allison Baughtman check the pulse of Jennifer Debord; above: Darius Coleman reads *Why Geography Matters*, which instructor Dan Lewman had assigned; opposite page : Science instructor Robin Kuntz explains DNA procedure to Austin Loper; far right: Justin Dean takes notes as speech instructor Jennifer McLaughlin lectures.







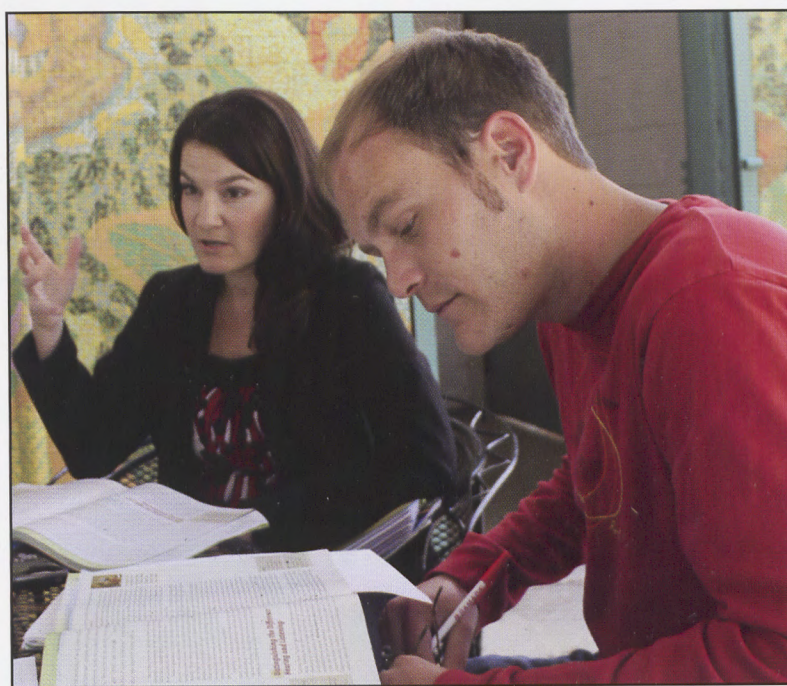
# Academic Overview

Southwest was full of students who dared to achieve academic success in all sorts of fields of study. Some were busy working hard on their academic endeavors while others studied in the technical field of study. No matter the field, both types of students dreamed of accomplishment. When paths crossed with each other in the classroom, they worked together and dared to complete the assignments given to them. Classroom activities ranged

from complicated equations to slimy dissections to articulate speeches. Many of the students completed general education courses to earn a two-year degree to use as a strong foundation to complete their dreams of graduating university or starting the career of their choice. The faculty was encouraged to work harder by seeing the students strive for and reach goals they had set.

- By Mary Allyn Foster

left: Representing India, Amandeep Kaur points to a family photo for April Cupit, Erica Butler and Bhavik Patel during the ADN "Culture Day."





# Business/ Computers

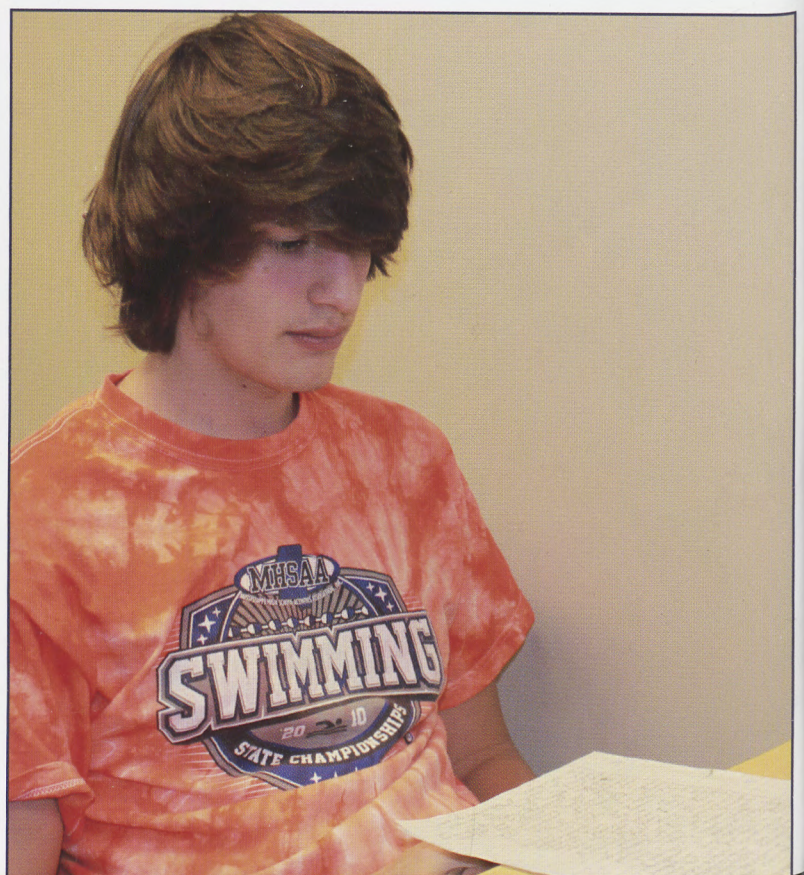
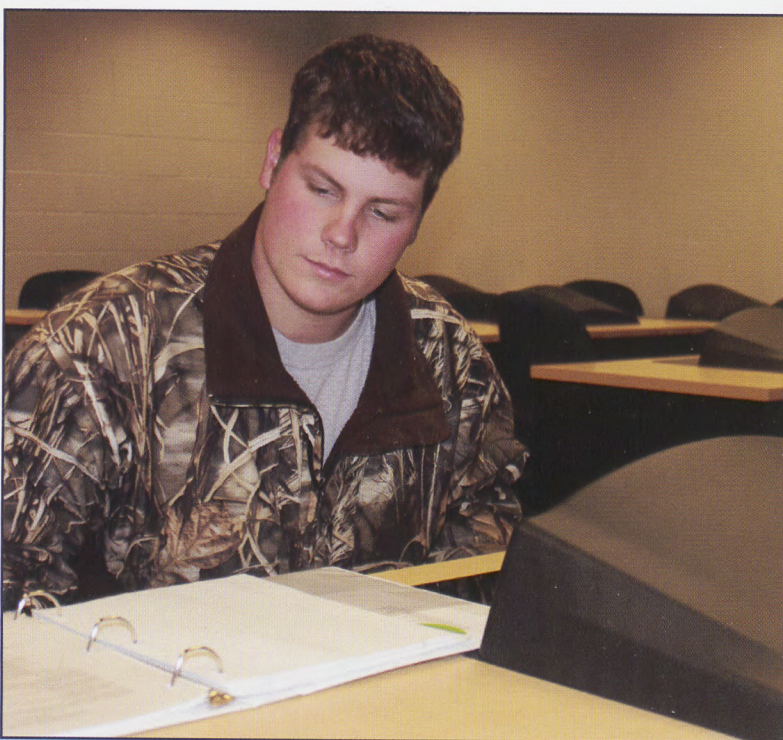
"HELP  
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**S**outhwest students dared to take the plunge into the business world with the many courses and opportunities that were offered to them. These courses helped students learn and become better equipped to enter the business world. Classes ranged from Economics and Accounting to Business Law and Computer Concepts.

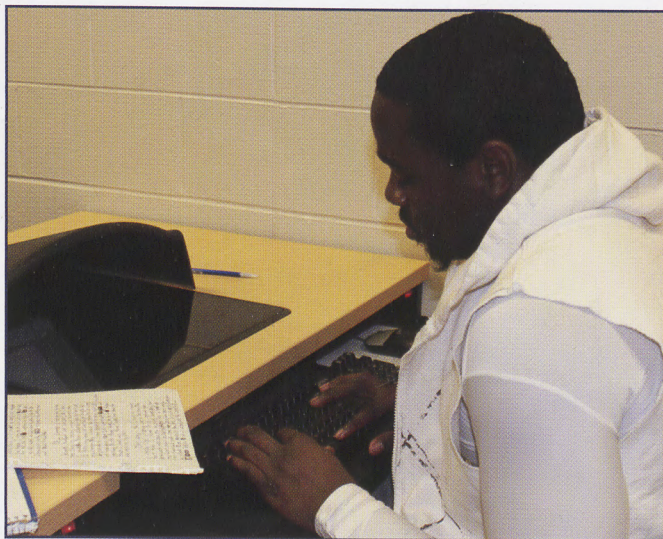
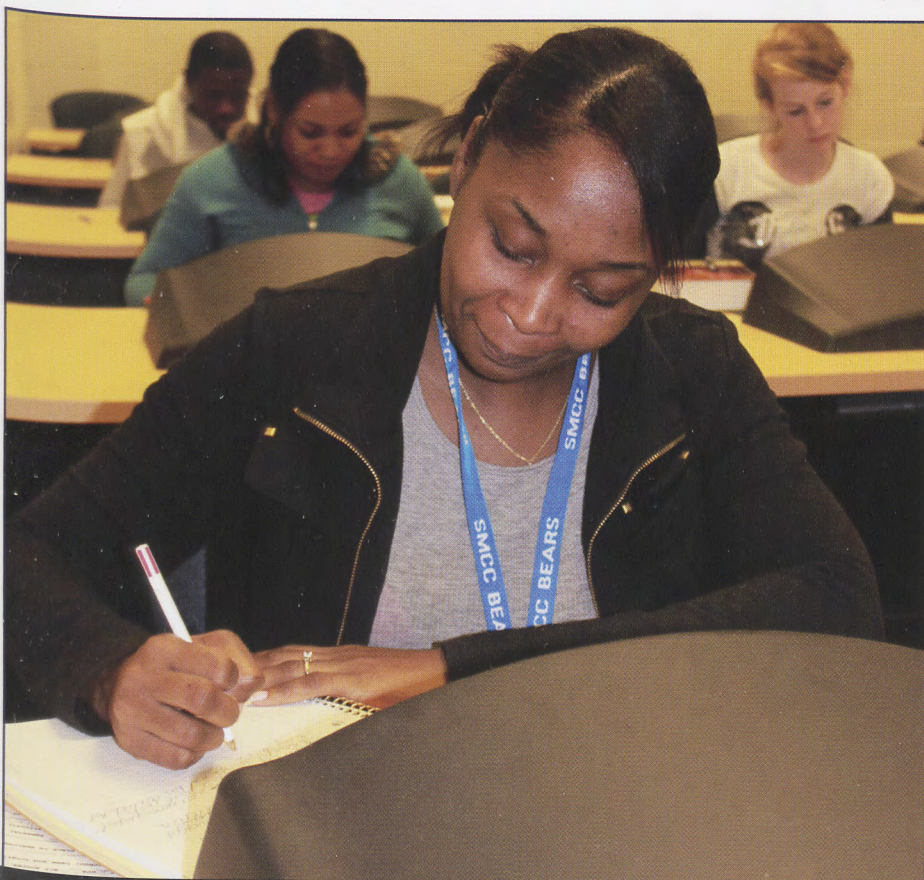
In computer courses students learned how to use Power-Point and the computer better. The computer is used in almost every field of work these days and it has equipped students to be ready for future job opportunities. Computer and Accounting instructor Leslee Brock said, "Business courses help students develop knowledge in personal finance, time management, organizational skills, and goal setting. This information can be used in important decisions related to buying a house or car, choosing the

appropriate insurance, filing tax returns, budgeting, and investing. The initiation of computers has revolutionized the workplace. The use and deployment of computers, computer systems and information technology applications in every aspect of business is now a common practice. The application and adoption of Web-based, information and telecommunication technologies has increased the capabilities and benefits of computers. Having the ability to use a computer to access and create information is a vital skill in today's business world. Business courses that teach word processing, spreadsheet, database management, and Internet skills can help students get a higher-level position with a better salary in their future careers and help students be more successful in college."

-By David Summerlin





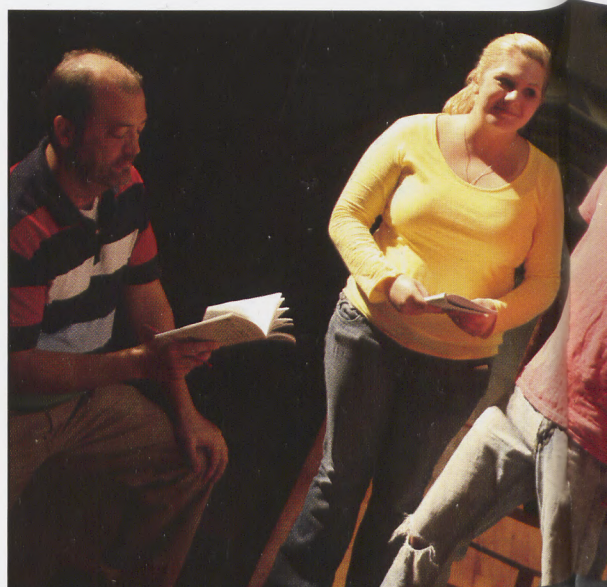
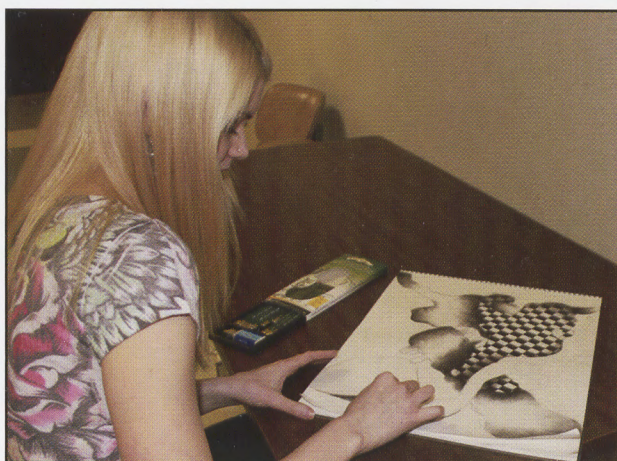


top: Dr. Michael Walker helps Catherine Mallette with a Microsoft Excel assignment; above: James Jefferson works on his notes; left: Regina Jones proofs her document; opposite page bottom left: Hunter Ray checks to make sure he has the proper formatting for his Simnet work; opposite page bottom right: Avery Polk types a word document for his computer class.





top left: Dub Brock gives Alex Fletcher feedback on his drawing; bottom left: Shelby Green adds finishing touches to her work of art; bottom middle: Joe Elliott rehearses for the play with Valerie LeBlanc, Tate Allen and Tanner Watson.



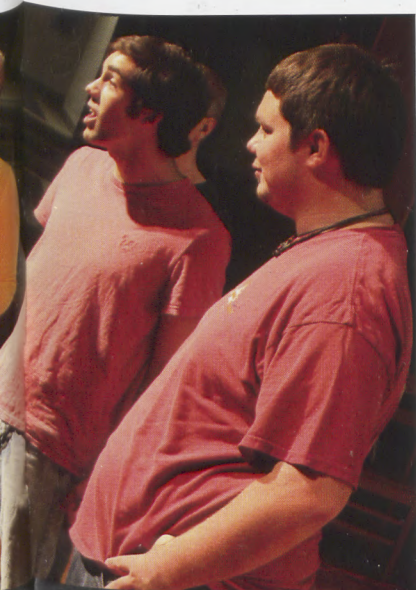
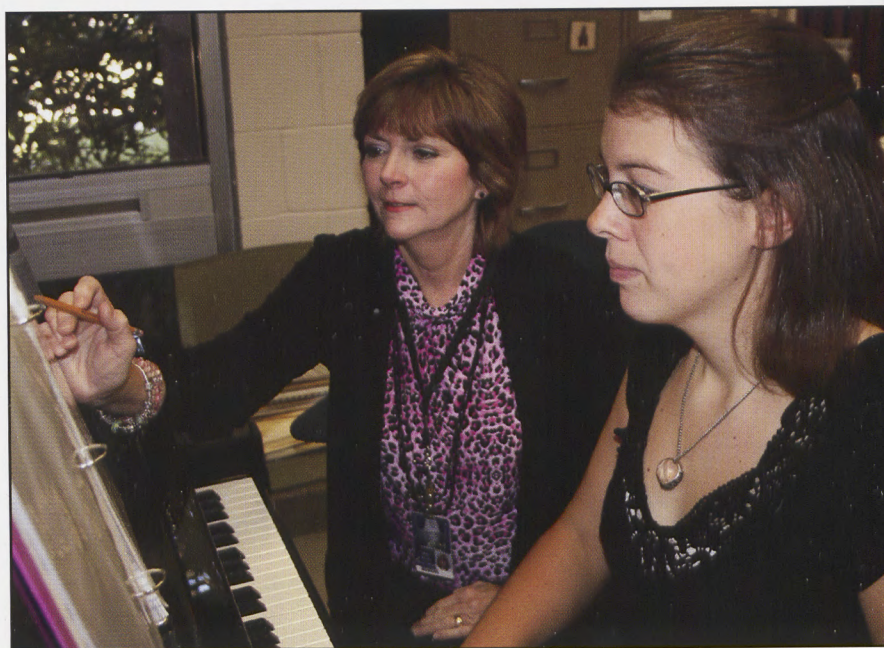
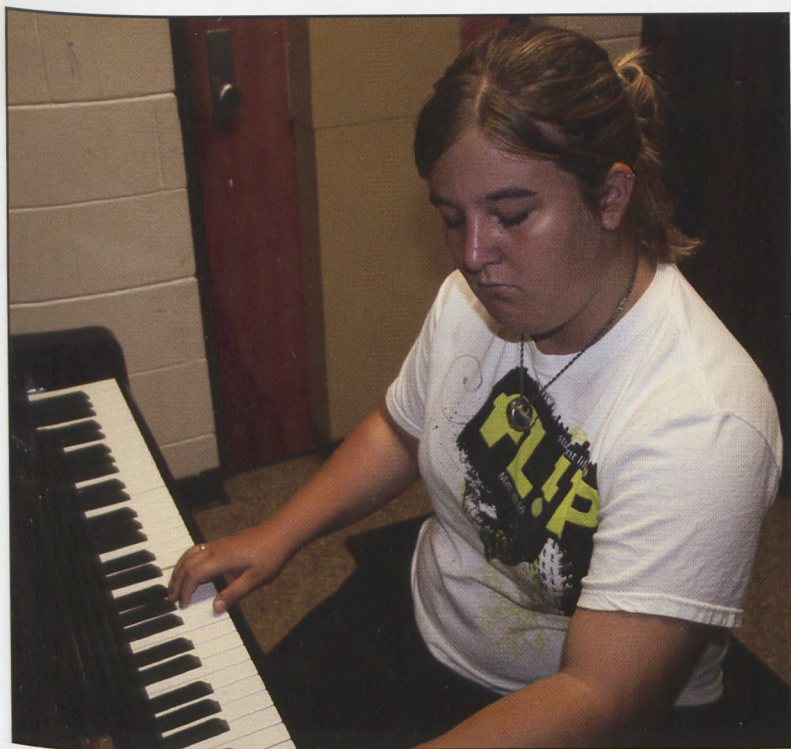
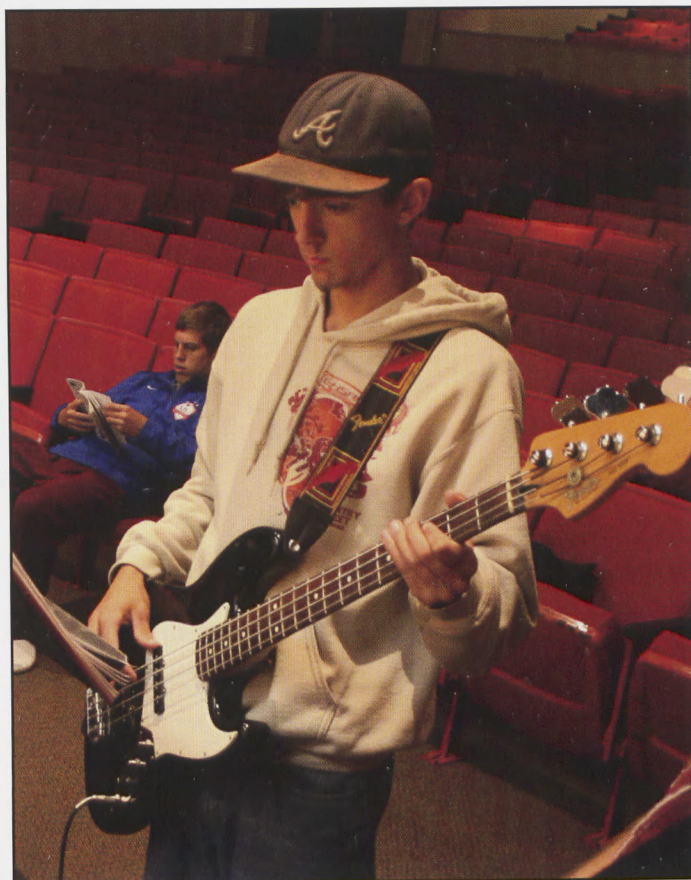


# CREATIVITY BEGINS WITH Fine Arts

**A**round campus, students carrying drawing pads or hurrying to choir practice was a common sight. Creativity was not overlooked here. Drawing, music appreciation, choir, stage band, marching band, and small singing groups were among the many Fine Art courses offered at SMCC. All of these courses were hands-on and one-on-one instruction was available, allowing students to become

highly involved with their studies. The Fine Arts Department helped students to express themselves creatively, whether it was the inspiration that transformed blank paper into a masterpiece or the many voices that came together for a song. "The arts are a discipline," said Joe Elliott, a professor in music at Southwest.

-By Amber Smith



top: Jesse McDaniel rehearses for the upcoming play; above: Instructor Connie Lambuth teaches Ariana Luce a variety of songs at piano practice; middle right: Lacey Jackson practices a tune on the piano; bottom right: Art instructor Dub Brock, Caroline Whittington, Chey Evans, and Stephanie Tallont display their art at the "Art in the Round."



# STUDENTS GAIN VALUABLE SKILLS THROUGH Languages

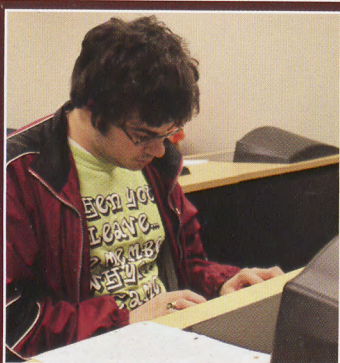
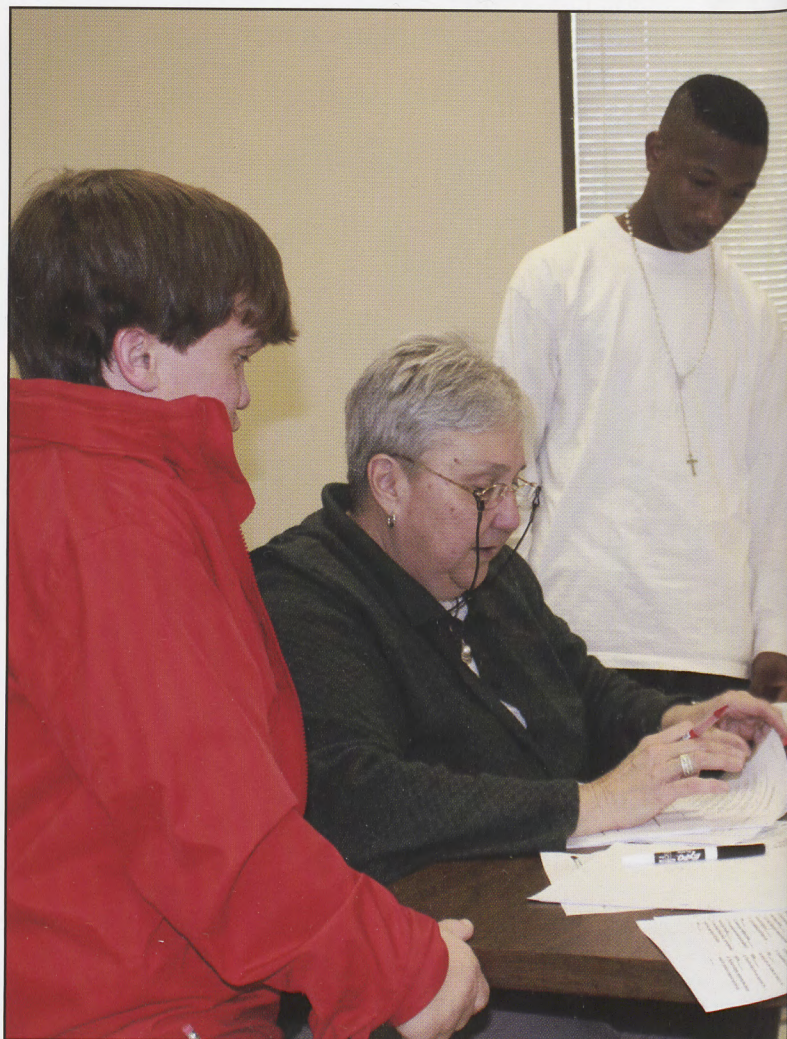
No matter the dreamer, darer, or doer, students were all tied together with language. Language skills are considered necessary in today's world to be successful. The skills acquired helped students improve their writing, communication, research techniques, grammar skills, and much more. In English Composition, students learned proper grammar and writing a class paper, along with various research techniques and the ability to cite sources. American Literature taught students about various poetry and prose from the United States in all periods of history.

The British Literature and World Literature classes offered similar studies in

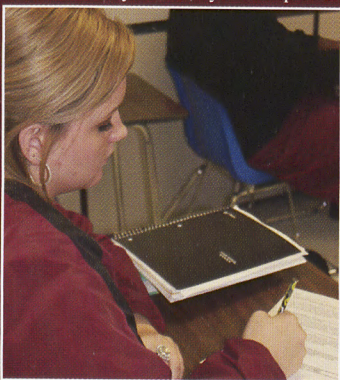
works from English history and of the entire world's civilizations. The language department did not stop at studying the English language though. Southwest also offered courses in speaking, reading, and writing foreign languages such as Japanese, French, and Spanish.

The public speaking classes taught students to address large groups with poise and professionalism. Instructors strived to prepare students for excellence in their work and dedication to their studies. Students and instructors together utilized every opportunity offered in the classroom to help each other reach their full potential.

- By Mary Allyn Foster



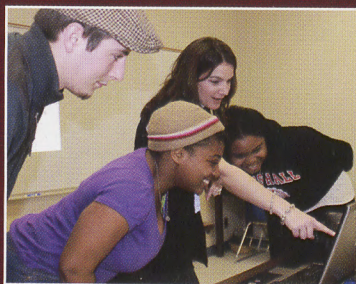
Jeremy Guillory types his essay in instructor Joyce Mabry's Comp II class.



Kelsey Martin takes notes in Gwen May's Comp I class.

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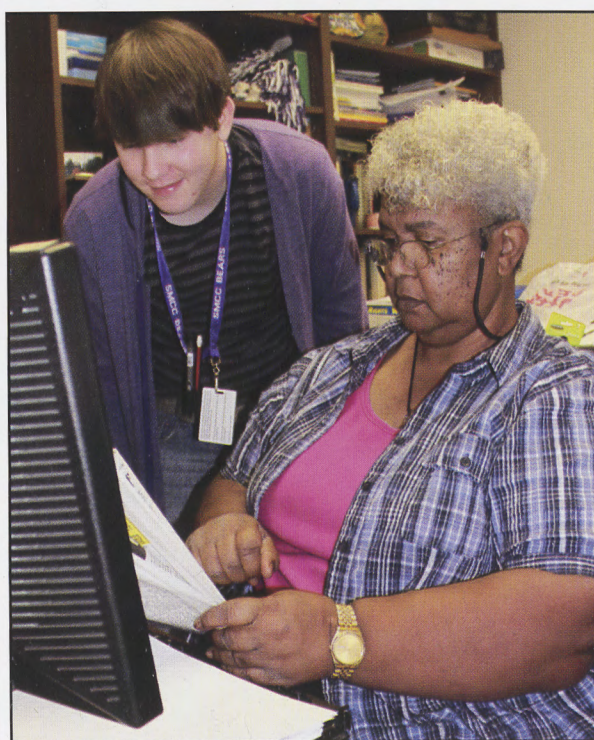
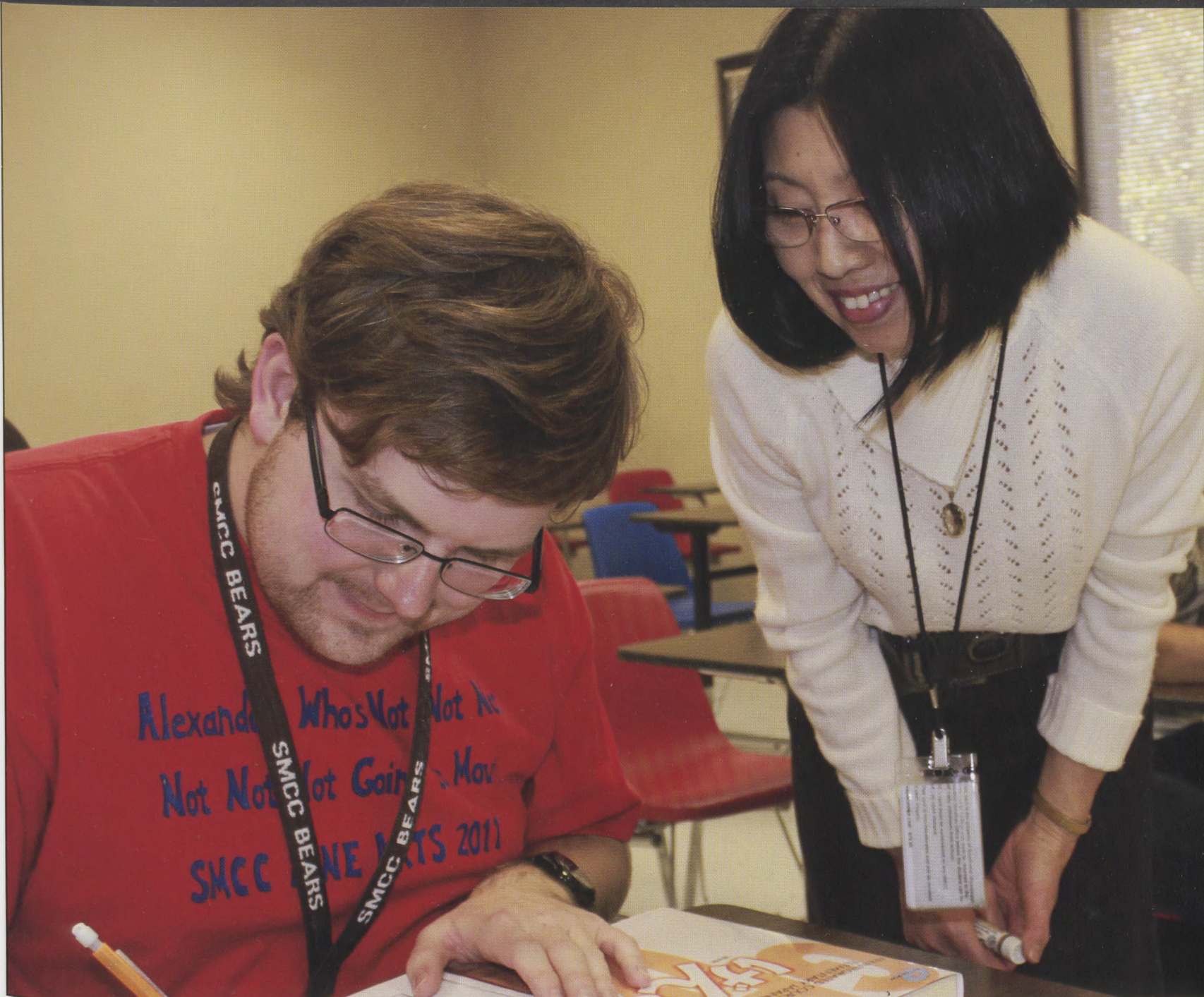
Learning different languages can be beneficial in life. Students who take foreign languages have a higher chance of being hired for a job that requires international communications. Students who do well in English and Speech classes gain the valuable skill to communicate efficiently in the workplace.



Speech instructor Jennifer McLaughlin shows students Morgan Andreiv, Nicole Williams, and Jasmine Jackson the correct outline format.







top: Instructor Noriko Faust helps Connor Raborn understand the Japanese language;  
bottom right: Dr. Elaine Coney shows Daniel Cobb how to create a MLA formatted document;  
bottom middle: Brianna Perryman and Shelby Grubbs research topics for their English Comp class;  
opposite page bottom left: Instructor Amy Gazzo helps Russell Perry develop his English Comp I essay;  
opposite page top left: instructor Gwen May discusses her syllabus with Andrew Crowe and Cedric May.



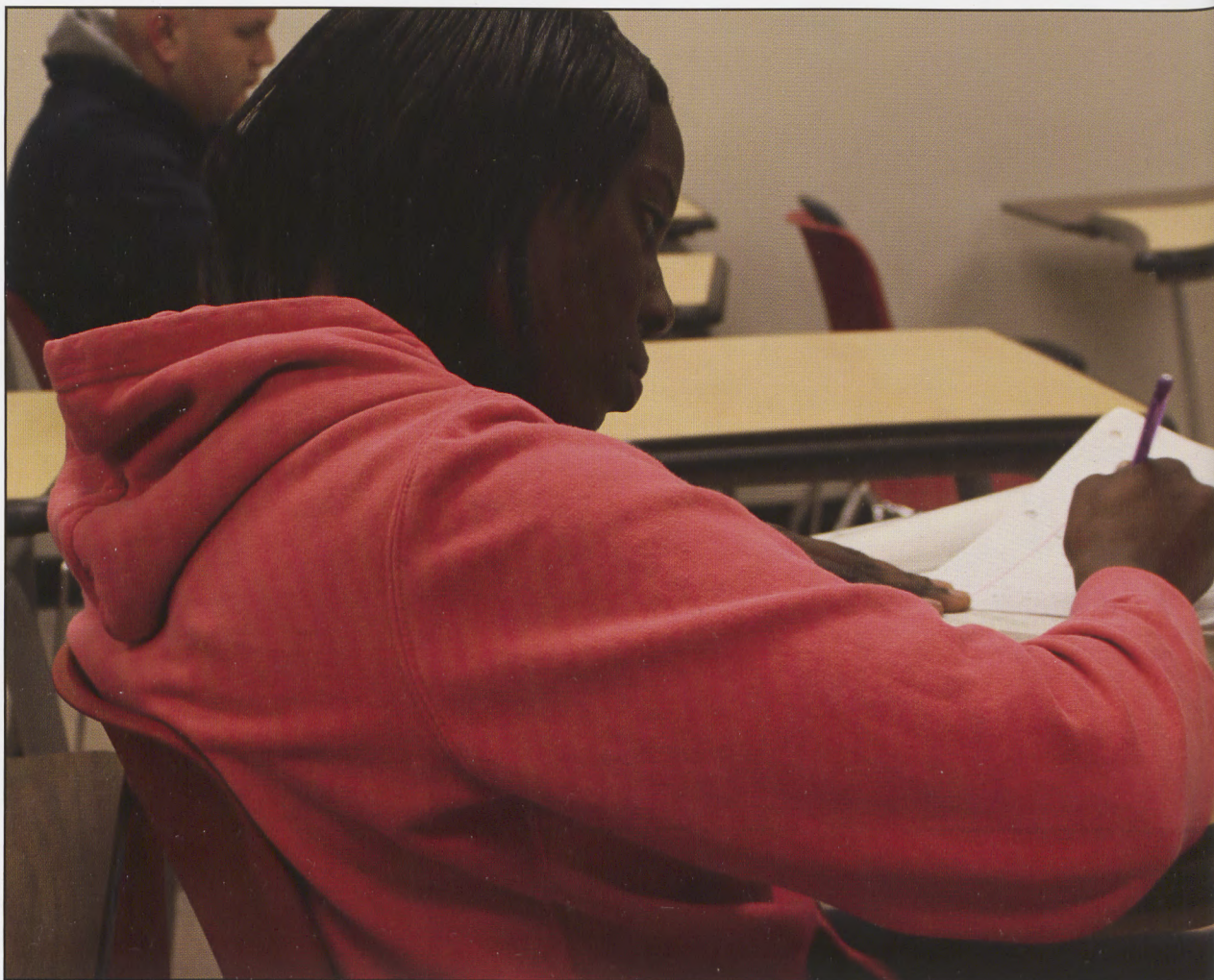
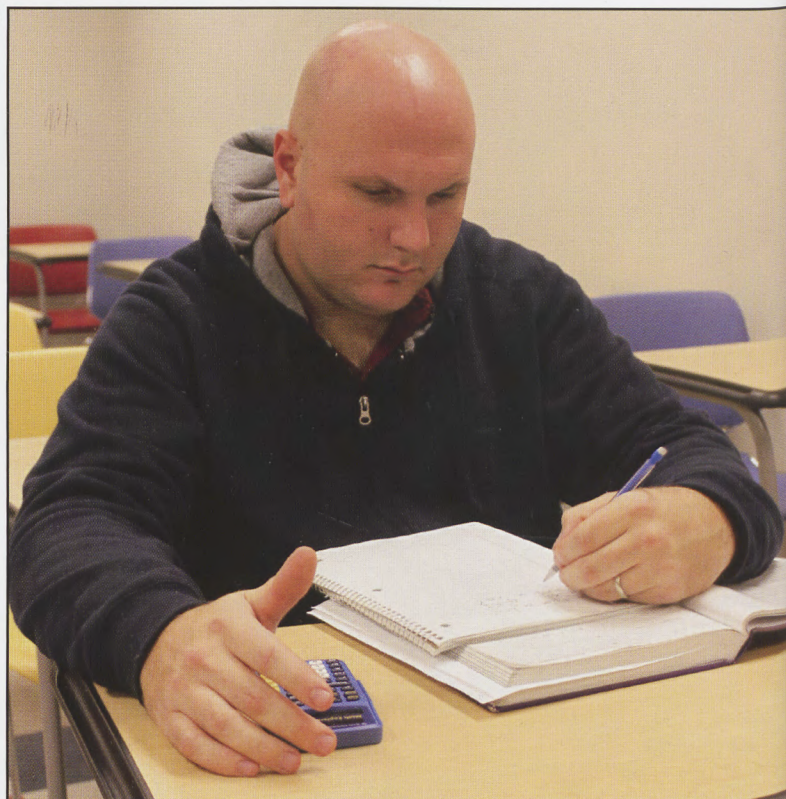
# Math

TRACES BACK 50,000 YEARS

Every culture in the history of the world has had influence on the quest to develop a system of mathematics. In fact evidence of counting can be traced back to over 50,000 years ago and slowly over time primitive math has developed into all the different types of mathematics we have today. Today we have everything from simple adding and subtracting to the complexities of vector calculus and linear algebra.

Believe it or not everything we use today had math involved in some part of the manufacturing process. Students seeking degrees had several options in the math department to begin their journey at SMCC. At SMCC students were offered algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, Statistics, Quantitative Reasoning, and Differential Equations. In fact almost every degree plan at SMCC required at least one semester of math.

-By Lauren Mabile

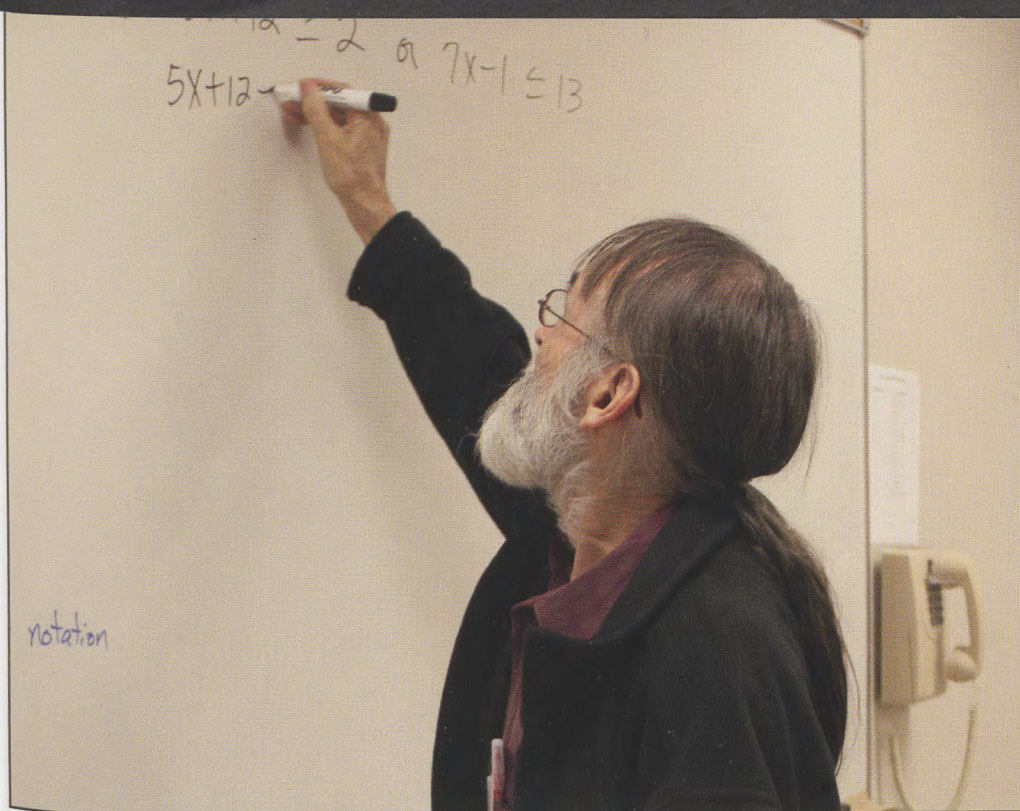


top: John Speed finishes a square root function;  
right: Javonda Shanks works out an equation in algebra.

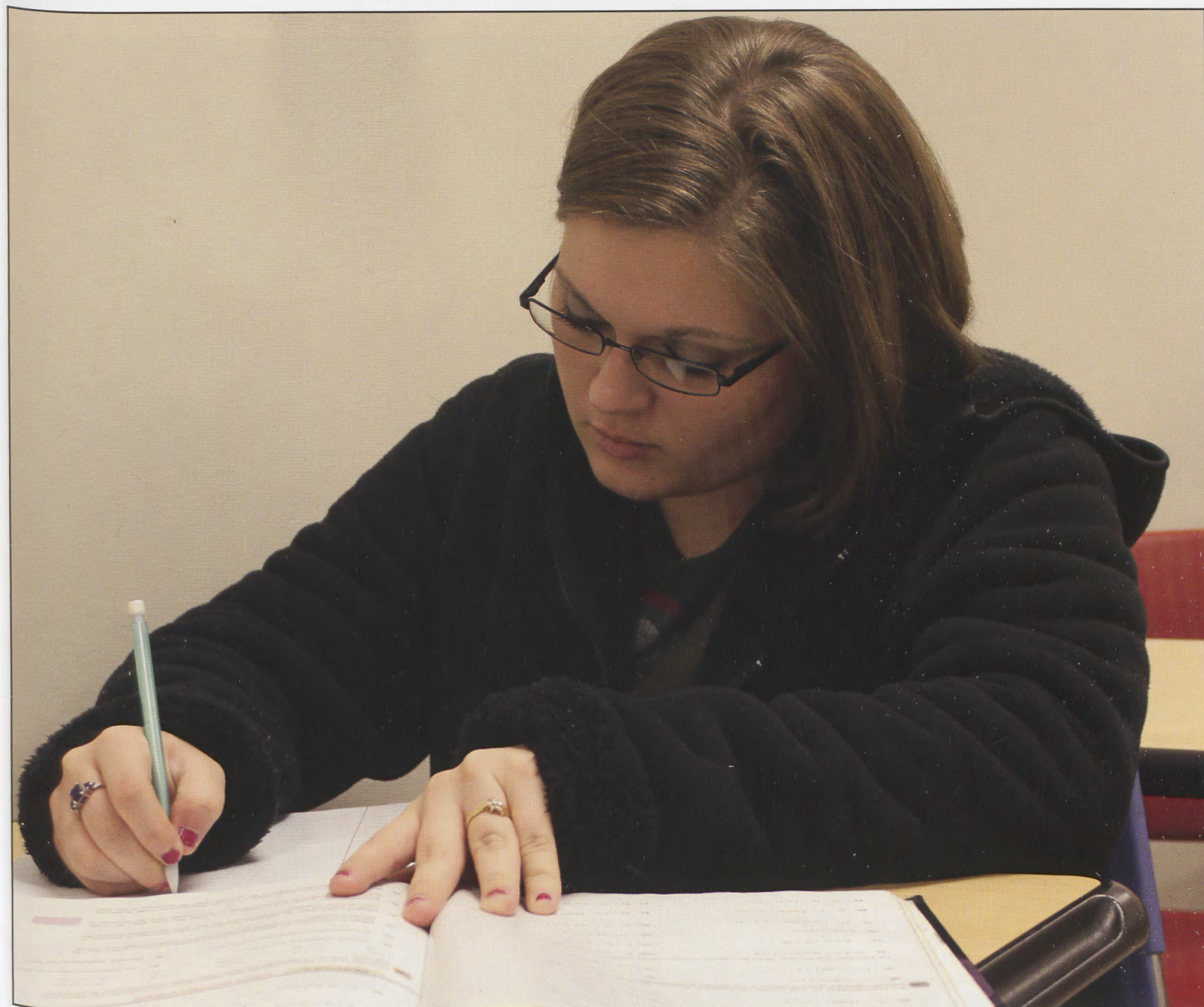


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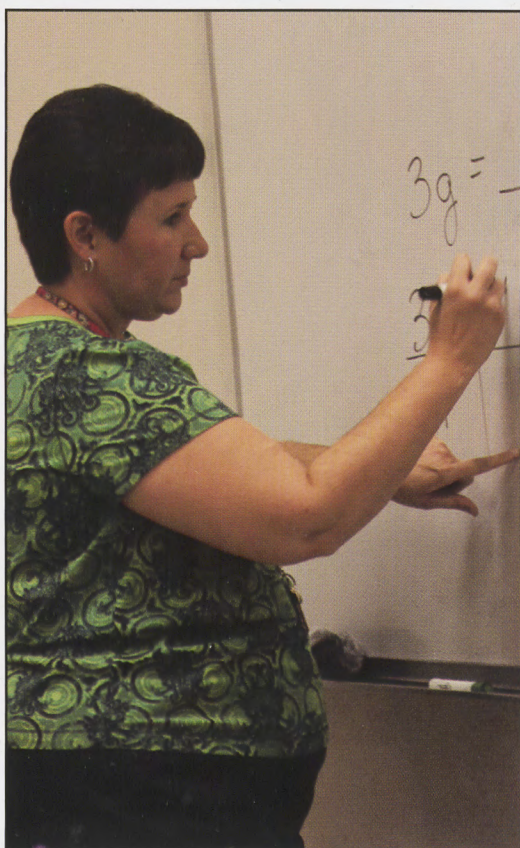
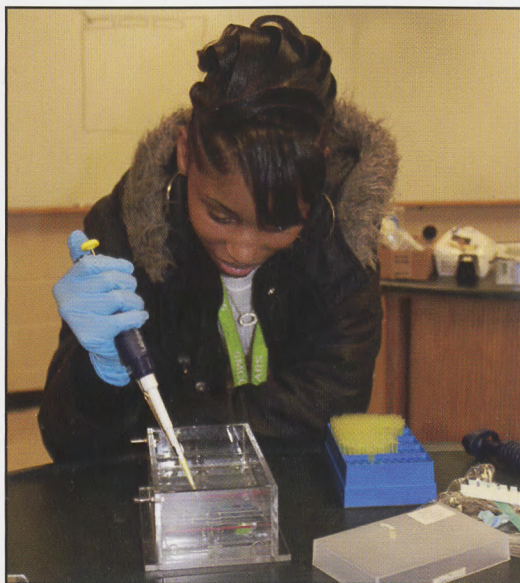
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right: Instructor Gilbert Griffin works an equation for the class;  
bottom: Ariel Griffith completes her algebra assessment.







above: Instructor Karen May explains a formula; top: Ashley Jackson drops liquid for an experiment; middle: Victoria Holmes studies the formation of the muscles; top right: Ollie Pittman focuses on specimen; bottom: Instructor Robin Kuntz shows student Paula Fite the procedure; opposite page, right: Austin Loper examines the ribs of the skeleton; Brandi Bateman and Cacey Beeson listen as instructor Carla Griffin explains the unit on the cardiovascular system because students are required to know the pathway of blood as it travels through the heart. Here reviewing the chambers and valves within the heart.





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# Science

Science is not just about mixing chemicals or learning about the human body. It is about acquiring the knowledge given to us from those who dared to prove what others thought was impossible. Those studying Anatomy and Physiology study the basics of chemistry, genetics, skeletal and muscular systems and the functions of cells. Students in Microbiology learn about microorganisms that effect other living organisms.

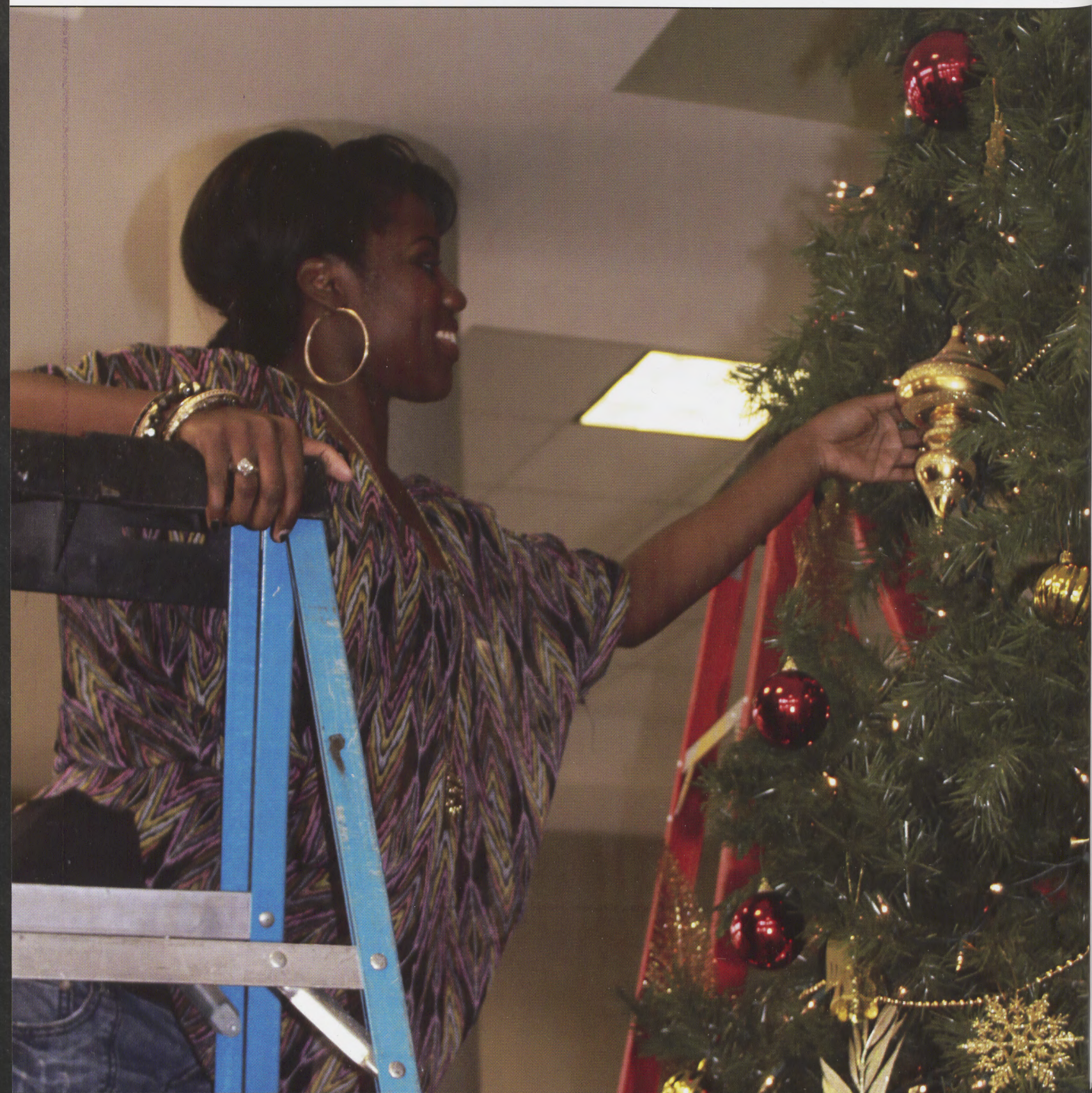
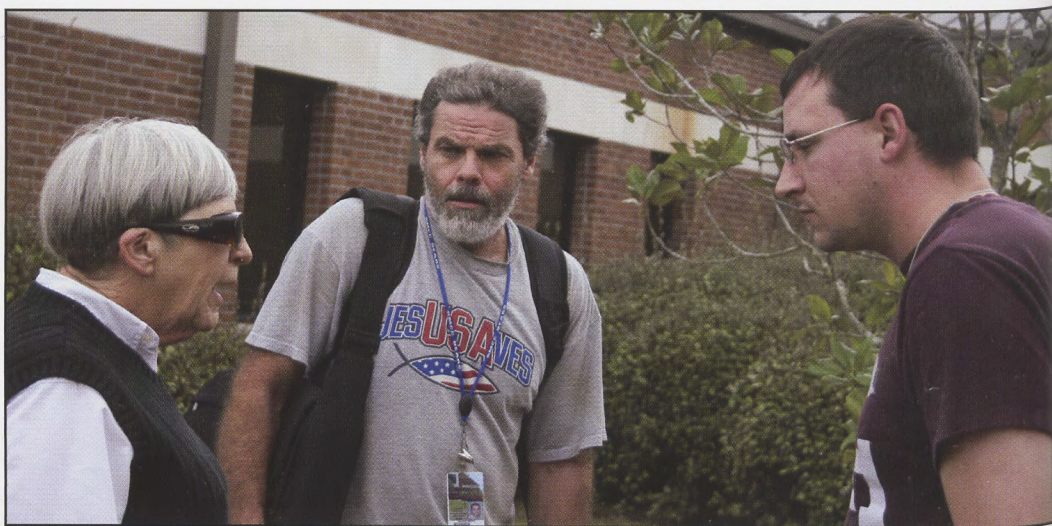
From Chemistry to Anatomy and Physiology students have the opportunity to learn about sciences. Throughout these courses students gathered an understanding of what they need to finish their majors.

Whether it was naming an unknown chemical or labeling the parts of the skeleton, students gain the information needed to complete their education.

- By Amber Smith and Charles Carr



right: Instructor Merrielyn Ginn, Kris Nelson, and  
Chris Borderlon discuss topics from the previous  
class; bottom: Andre'El Brown adjusts the ornament  
on the Holmes Student Union Christmas tree.





# Social Science TEACHES MORE THAN JUST HISTORY



Many times history was considered a journey to our past, but did a person really want to travel back?

The Greeks first recorded history in 776 BC and they continued recording it. History was the one thing that could not be changed no matter how hard a person tried. History made up an important part of our lives, because as a person learned from his or her mistakes was not he or she trying to not repeat history?

Sociology taught us how society guided all of a person's choices, while

Psychology taught us what caused a person to act the way they did.

The Social Sciences classes ranged from learning about past wars and ancient civilizations to the theory of how people act to studying various forms of leadership. Social Sciences truly showed the journey through the world's many different peoples, as well as just a single person, whether they were a dreamer, darer, or doer.

- By Mary Allyn Foster

bottom left: Instructor Paul Dancisin and Sarah Fitzgerald discuss the social sciences' exhibit at the Career Fair; top left: Stefani Mitchell works to finish an assignment in American History class; bottom right: Lyndy Kate Vanderford shows off the drawing she created on her iPad.





PEOPLE WHO WANT  
TO HELP OTHERS  
MAJOR IN

# Health Occupations



**S**tudents at Southwest with a desire to help others, often enroll in the Nursing program. The nursing program was a highly competitive curriculum where students are held to the highest of academic standards. Through lecture, lab, and real life clinical situations the students learn both basic and advanced nursing practices.

The medical program

at Southwest was an outstanding program for those dreaming to become nurses. The rising need for health care professionals in the nation allowed students to easily find jobs if they have the proper skills in the medical field.

Through the program students find the hard work to be very rewarding and beneficial.

--By Amber Smith



right: ADN students, Simmons McGehee, Tia Anthony, Jamal Brown, Zateisha Smith, and Diana Stuart, examine Daniel Moore's hands; top: Simmons McGehee and Jamal Brown check Tia Anthony's blood pressure; above: Zateisha Smith and Diana Stuart check patient's throat; opposite page: ADN student Diana Stuart checks Aaron Morris' blood pressure.



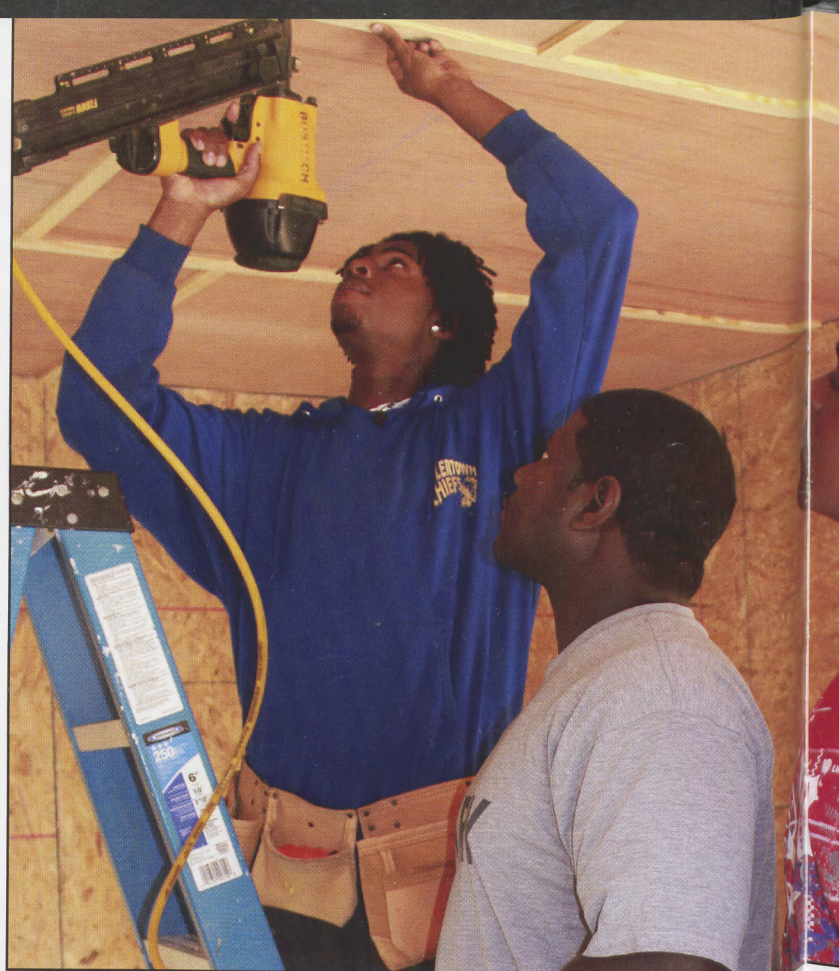




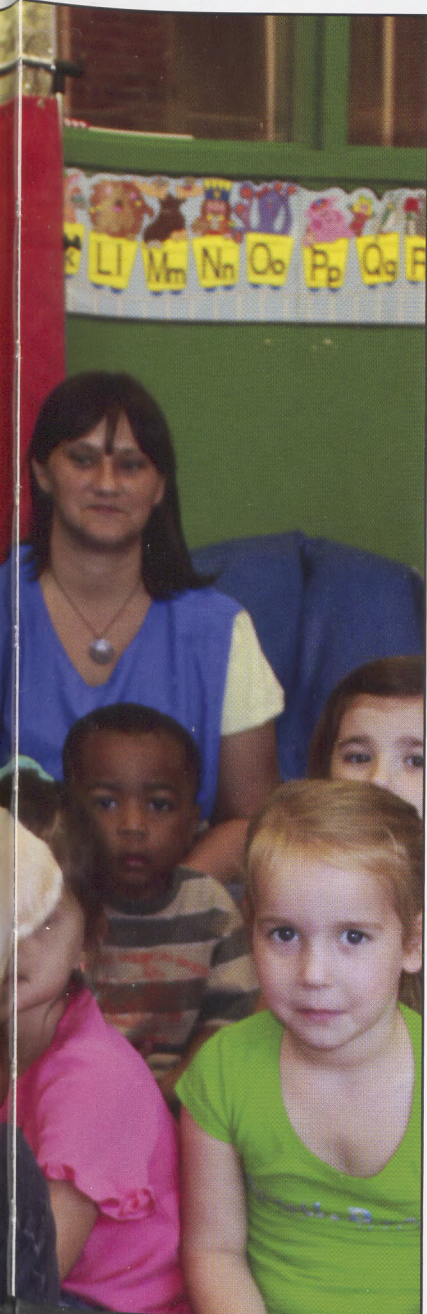
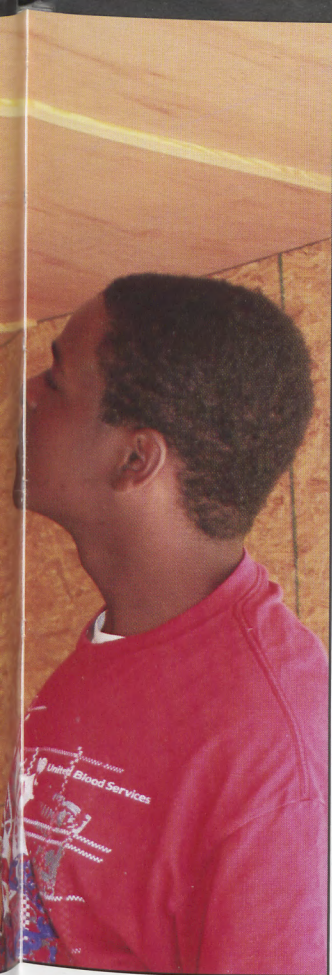
# Career and Technical gives hands-on experience.

Southwest was not only full of dreaming academics but also daring students in the career and technical fields. Located in the H.T. Huddleston Career-Tech Building, the Career and Technical Education Division served students with twenty-two programs. The programs covered a variety of areas such as massage therapy, water well-drilling, automotive technology, early childhood development education, practical nursing, cosmetology, and much more. The career technical programs allowed Southwest to have a wider variety of areas to serve students in achieving their dreams.

In fact, Southwest was only one of two community colleges in Mississippi to offer the process technology program for the oil industry. The program began in 2008 and has gained more students every year. The curriculum was based on hands-on labs, classroom lecture, and visits to actual work sites. "We're having good success. We're just real thrilled at where we are with the program. We're looking forward to building it bigger and better as time goes on," process technology instructor, Dr. Jerry Wilkinson said. "We're working to get all of our graduates placed."







opposite page: Cosmetology student Kristen Rollins cuts Tammy Rollins hair as instructor Vicky Muise watches; top left: Industrial carpentry students Damian Magee, Rodney Brumfield, and Tyrell Carter staple the ceiling; top right: Rusty Eisworth, Elizabeth Stout, and Daniel Thompson, Automotive Technology students, repair belts; bottom right: Welding and Cutting students, Andrew Nettles and Travis Leggett, practice overhead welding; bottom left: Mychiko McKenzie and Maya talk to children in the Child Development Center as students Kelly Caston and Evette Davis monitor Joseph Forbes and Ann Elise Duncan;



# Career and Technical Programs

## TOMORROW'S BUILDERS

Automotive Technology  
 Business and Marketing Management  
 Technology  
 Business and Office Related Technology  
 Accounting Technology  
 Health-Care Data Technology  
 Microcomputer Technology  
 Office Systems Technology  
 Carpentry Technology (Residential)  
 Commercial Truck Driving  
 Computer Network Support Technology  
 Cosmetology  
 Diesel Equipment Technology  
 Early Childhood Education Technology  
 Electrical Technology  
 Health Information Technology  
 Heating and Air Conditioning  
 Massage Therapy  
 Nurse Assistant Technology  
 Occupational Safety and Health  
 Practical Nursing  
 Process Operations Technology  
 Web Development Technology  
 Welding and Cutting  
 Well Construction Technology

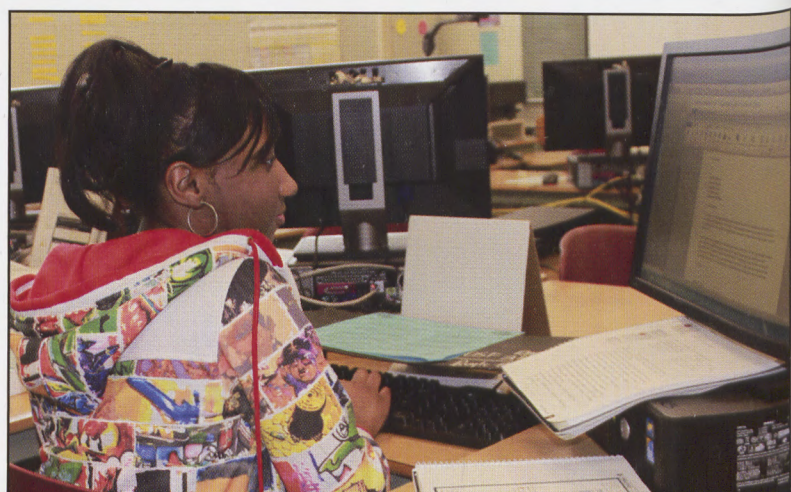
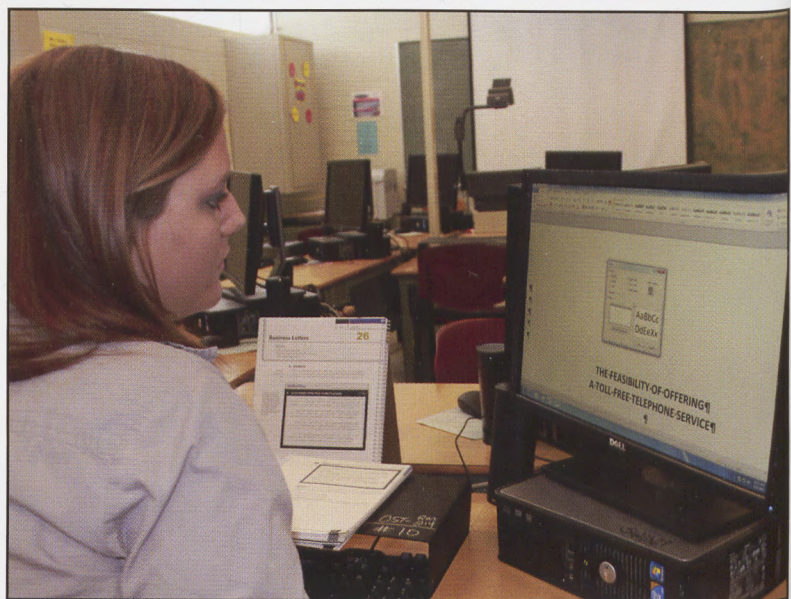
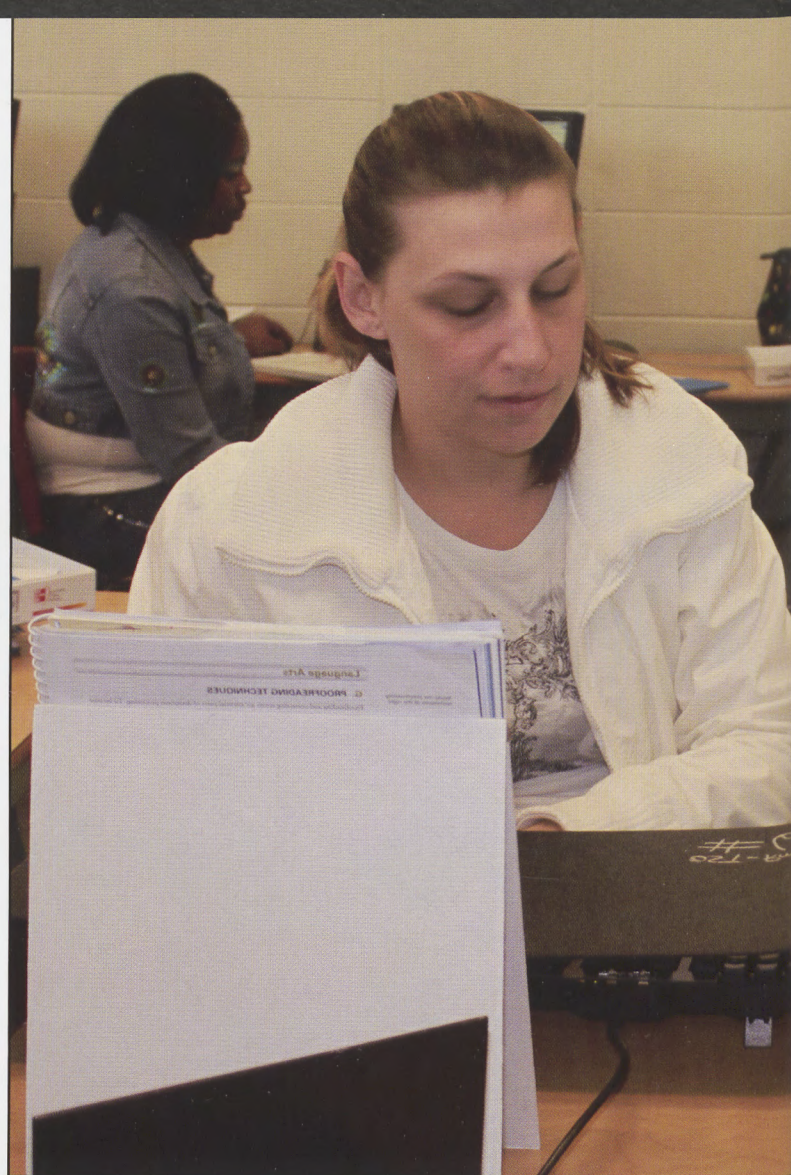
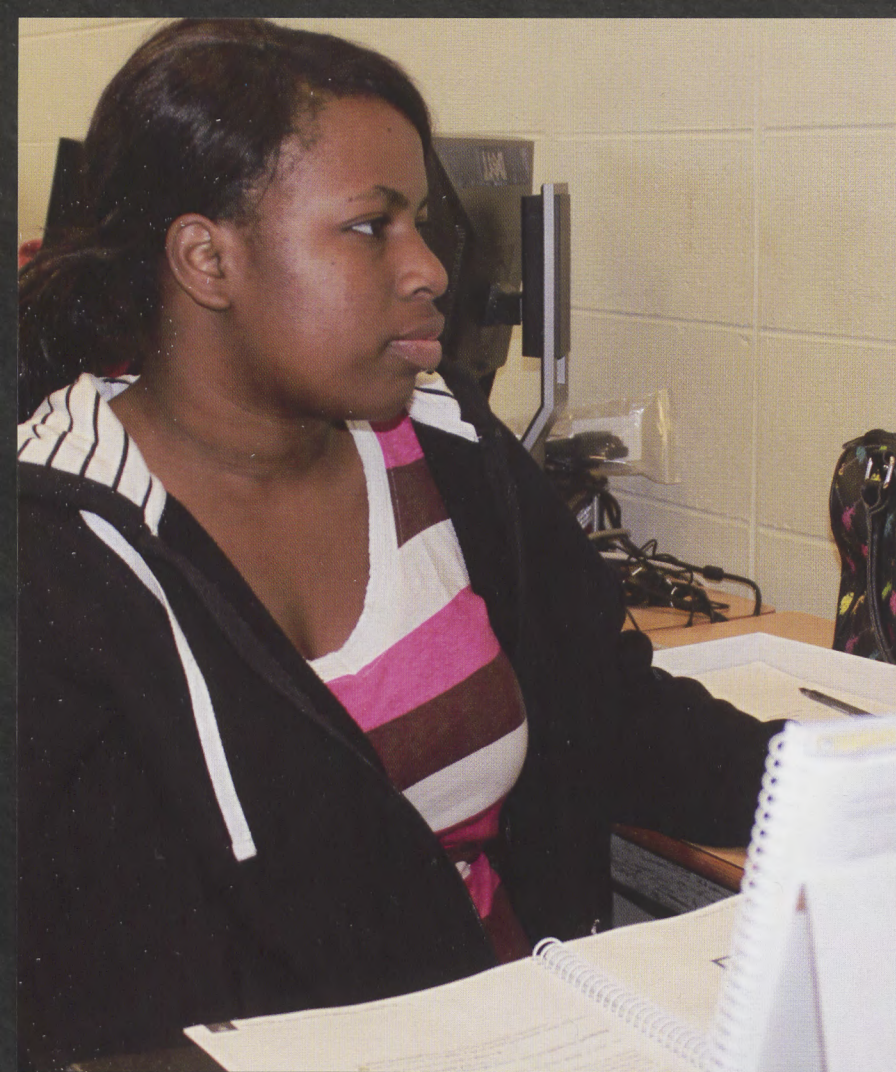


top: Electrical Technology students, Jacob Martin, Jordan Allemand, and Jeffery Courville, wire a room; bottom: Electrical Technology student Joshua Holmes and Hunter Bradham test the wiring for faults; opposite page: top: Massage therapy student Joshua Parks works on Miata Bridges; opposite page: bottom left: Major Gill and David McDaniel, Process Technology students, inspect machine; opposite page: bottom right: Henry Rawls, Eric Hill, and William Hazlewood, Well Construction Technology students, examine pipes for drilling.









# Business/Computer Technology

STUDENTS LEARN LIFE SKILLS.

**S**outhwest's Marketing program prepares students for sales, marketing, and management careers, while students enrolled in Office Systems Technology gain experience for entry-level employment in a variety of medical clinics and insurance companies. Students interested in gaining computer skills sought opportunities for

training in either website design through the Web Development program or telecommunications and network administration in the Computer Network Support program. The opportunities available to students with knowledge of business or computer training are endless. Career-Technical programs offer students hands-on experience in each of these fields.

right: LaShanta Quinn finishes her documentation assignment; middle: Jennifer Ravencraft formats her information; top: Lori Giroir concentrates as she completes her work; top left: Latesh Quinn works on her project.



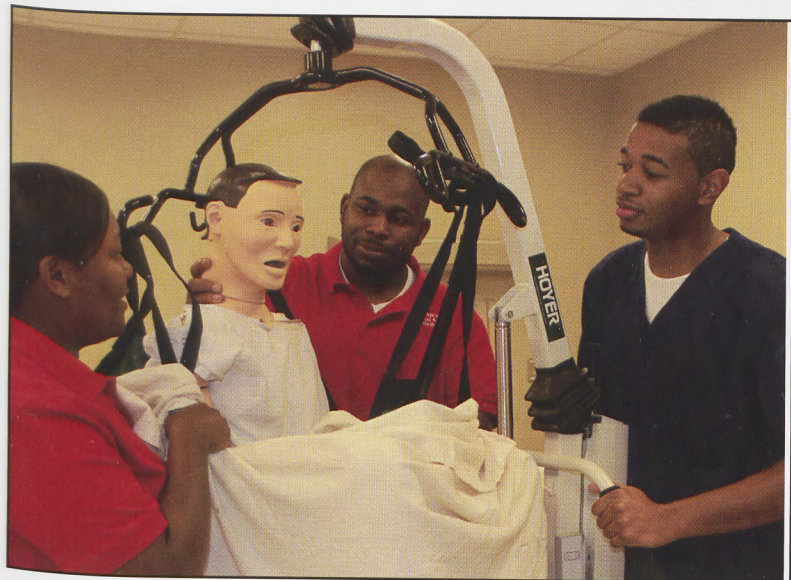


# Nurse Assistant & Practical Nursing

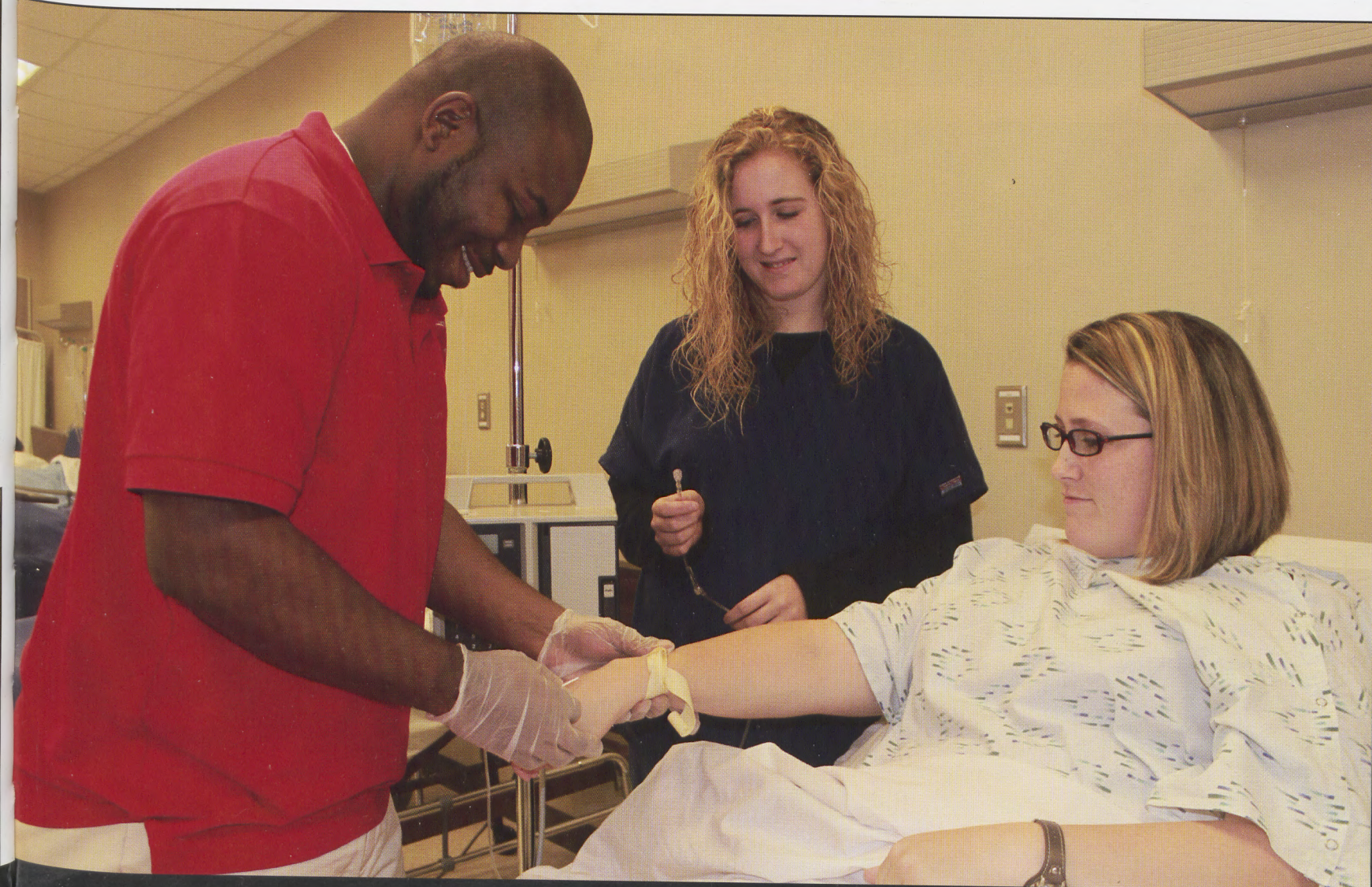
*GAIN KNOWLEDGE FOR THE WORKFORCE.*

**S**MCC offers many opportunities in the field of health care training as the health care jobs grow and more practitioners are needed to care for the population. Meeting the demands of the growing occupation, the college offers its students a one-year program in Practical Nursing and a one-semester program as a Nurse Assistant. In each program,

students learned nursing fundamentals they could use to educate the public as well as to use in the workforce. This was the first year for the students to use the newly renovated Allied Health Complex on campus. From the modern training rooms to state-of-art equipment, students are given the training and instruction to take them into their future workplaces.



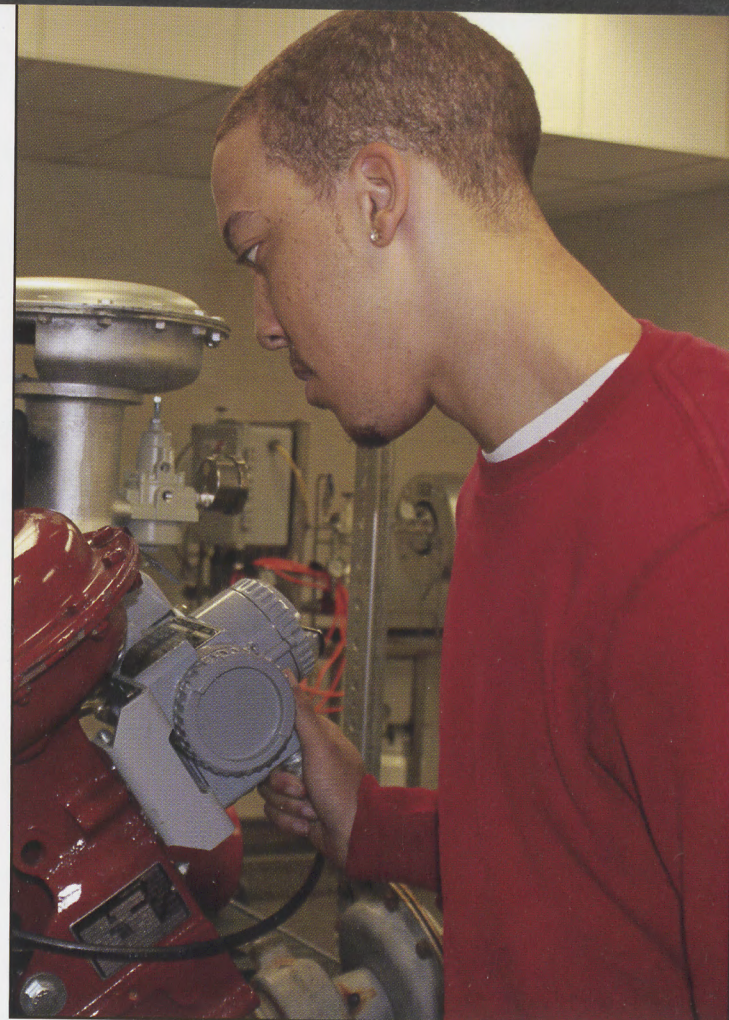
top: LaShana Taylor and Lakeria Marsalis, practical nursing students, check patient's air flow; left: Zoria Bender, Michael Nobles and Chris Felder help move a practice patient in a lift. below: Chris Felder and Allison Baughtman set up IV for patient and student, Jennifer Debord.











## Training for the Future **Industrial Career Technology**

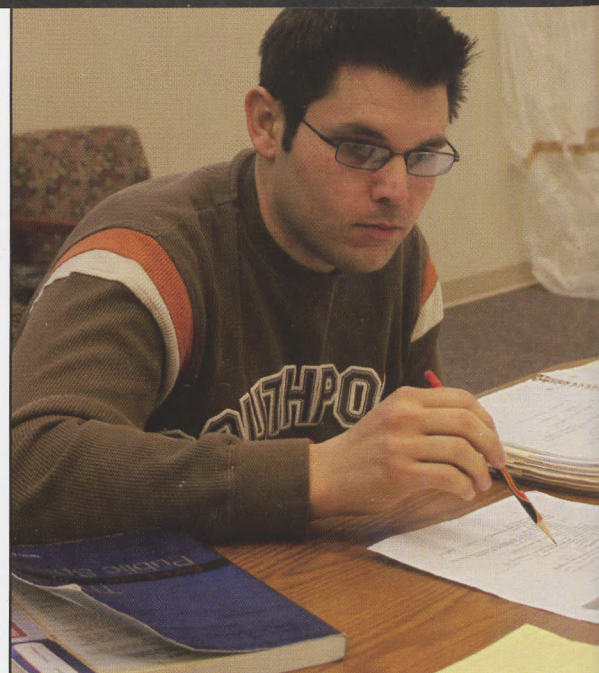
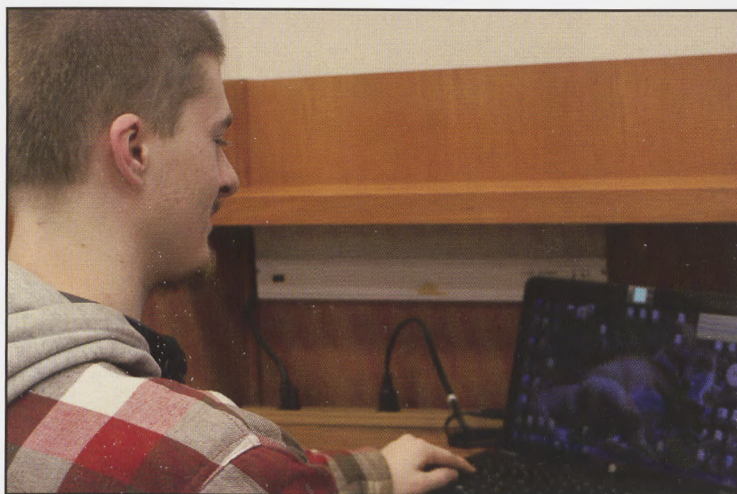
**A**n Industrial Career Technology program opens doors for students by providing the training necessary for employment in their prospective fields. The programs offered at Southwest include Automotive technology, Welding and Cutting, Carpentry, Well Construction Technology, and Electrical Technology. Southwest strives to keep up the ever-changing requirements of the respective industries. Whether

students choose electrical technology, which prepares them for employment in the field of electrical engineering, or well construction technology, which provides instruction in the use of drilling for water, petroleum, and ecological operations, they will have skills for the future. Career and Technical students will succeed in future jobs because of the training that they received in the career-technical program.

-- By Amber Smith

opposite page, left: Diesel Equipment Technology students, Jason Chiasson, Raymond Guillory, and Christian Jenkins repair the tractor's steering; top: Welding and Cutting student Travis Leggett welds with precision; top left: Austin Blackwell, Glynn Broom, and Kendall Magee, Electrical Technology students, wire a circuit; top right: Process Technology student Terraz Posey inspects engine; left: Diesel Equipment Technology Student Justin Starnes repairs an alternator.





## Library-Learning Resource Center

PUTS  
INFORMATION  
IN USERS' HANDS

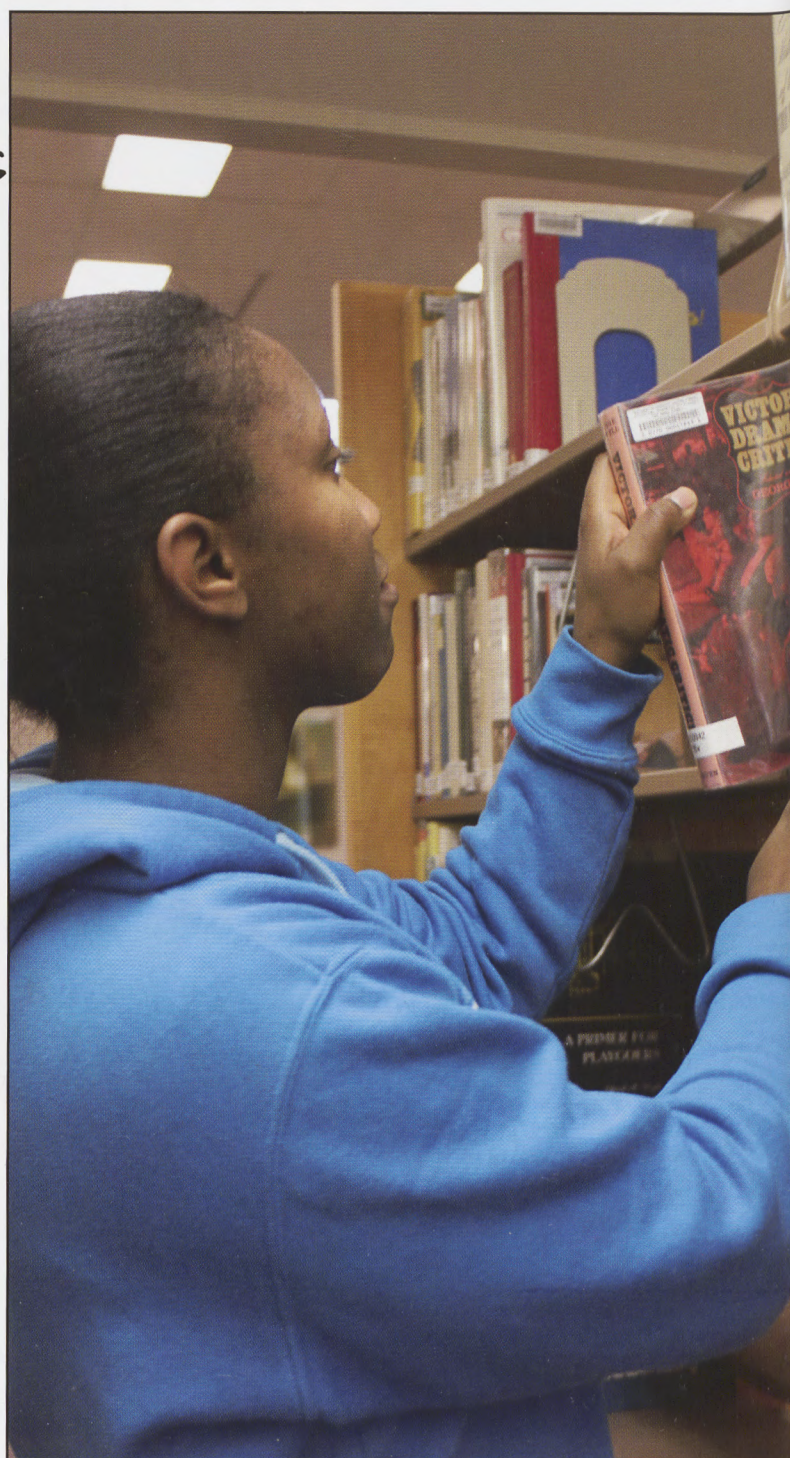
Some students dreamed of making better grades in class, and some students actually went out and did it. One place those students went to make better grades was the William C. and Lula B. Ford Library. The library was filled with over 36,000 volumes of books and 3,500 non-print items, such as videotapes and CD-ROMs.

There was also the Learning Lab filled with computers for students to type and print reports, search the Internet for information, and study tutorials.

They even provided personalized tutoring sessions for those in need of extra help to fulfill their dreams of a better grade. With all the excellent resources provided at the students' fingertips, there was no way a student who dared to make better grades would not be able to do so.

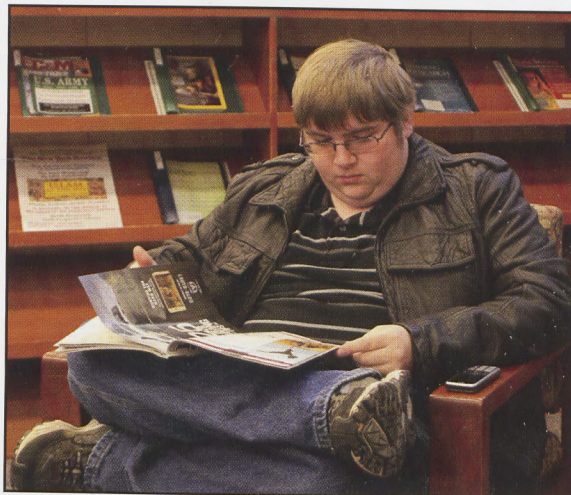
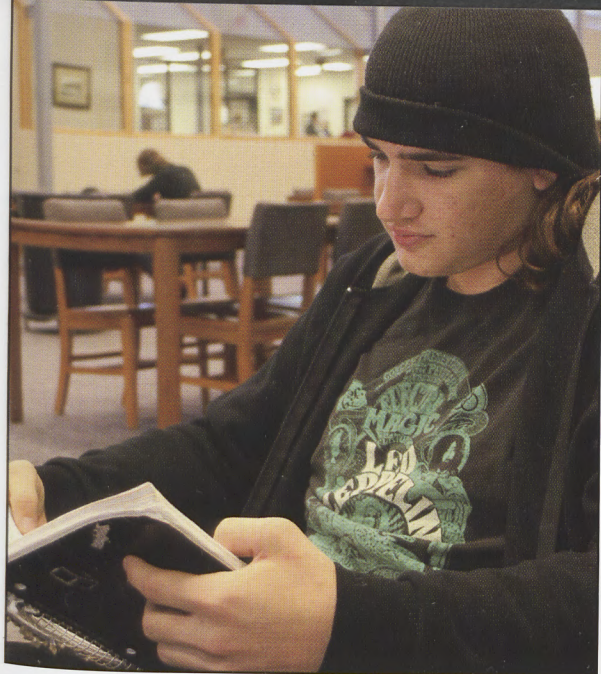
Throughout the year, students and faculty kept the library full of dreamers searching for more information. With thousands of sources in the library, those dreamers were not disappointed.

- By Mary-Allyn Foster

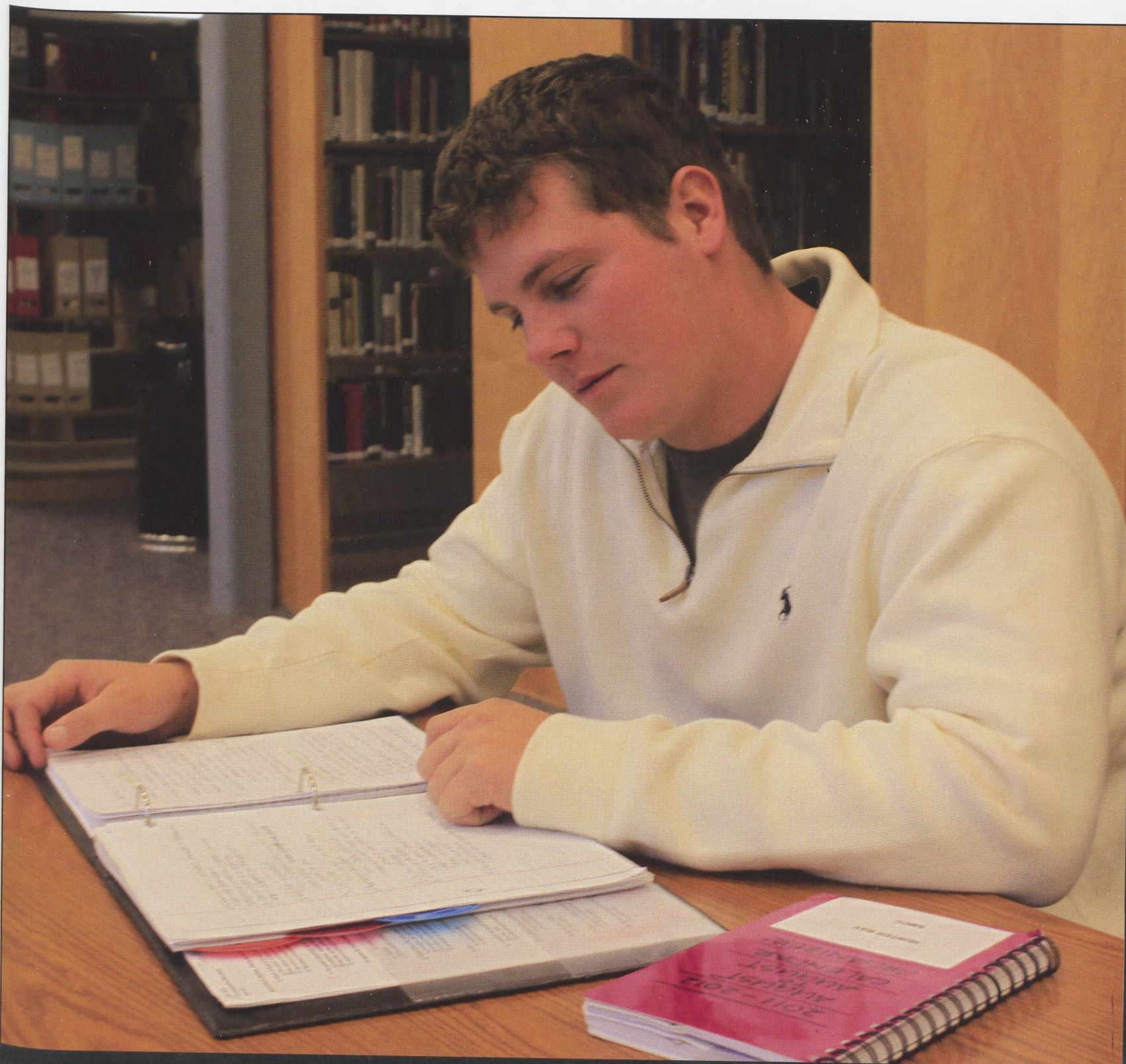


Rhonda Nevels, Learning Lab Assistant; Natalie McMahon, Library Director; Laura Riddle, Librarian; Dawn Brumfield, Director of Learning Lab; Beth Gorman, Library Assistant; not pictured: Gloria Van Norman, Library Clerk





opposite page; top left: Glen Rimes begins working on a paper on his laptop; opposite page; top right: Michael Maltese studies hard for Jennifer McLaughlin's speech final; opposite page; bottom right: Samantha Berry, a sociology major, gets a book off the shelf; top left: Zac Calhoun studies his notes in the library before a big test; top right: Ben Boyd looks through the many magazines offered at the library; bottom: Hunter Ray studies before his final exams.





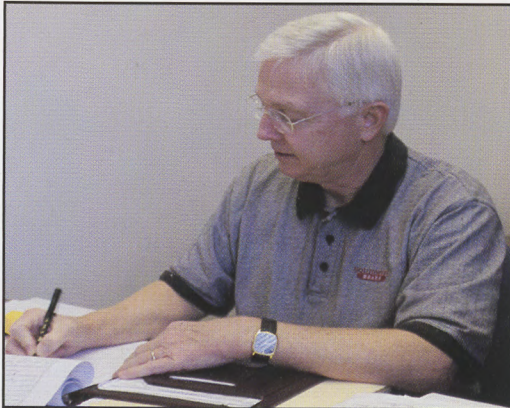
# Workforce Development

DEVELOPS  
CAREER SKILLS

**W**orkforce Development Center at Southwest was a tool to help people who dared to get the jobs they dream of having one day. Through continuing education training programs, educational materials, computerized or pencil and paper assignments, job/career specifics, and other services, the Workforce Development Center helped students select the right career options. The Center,

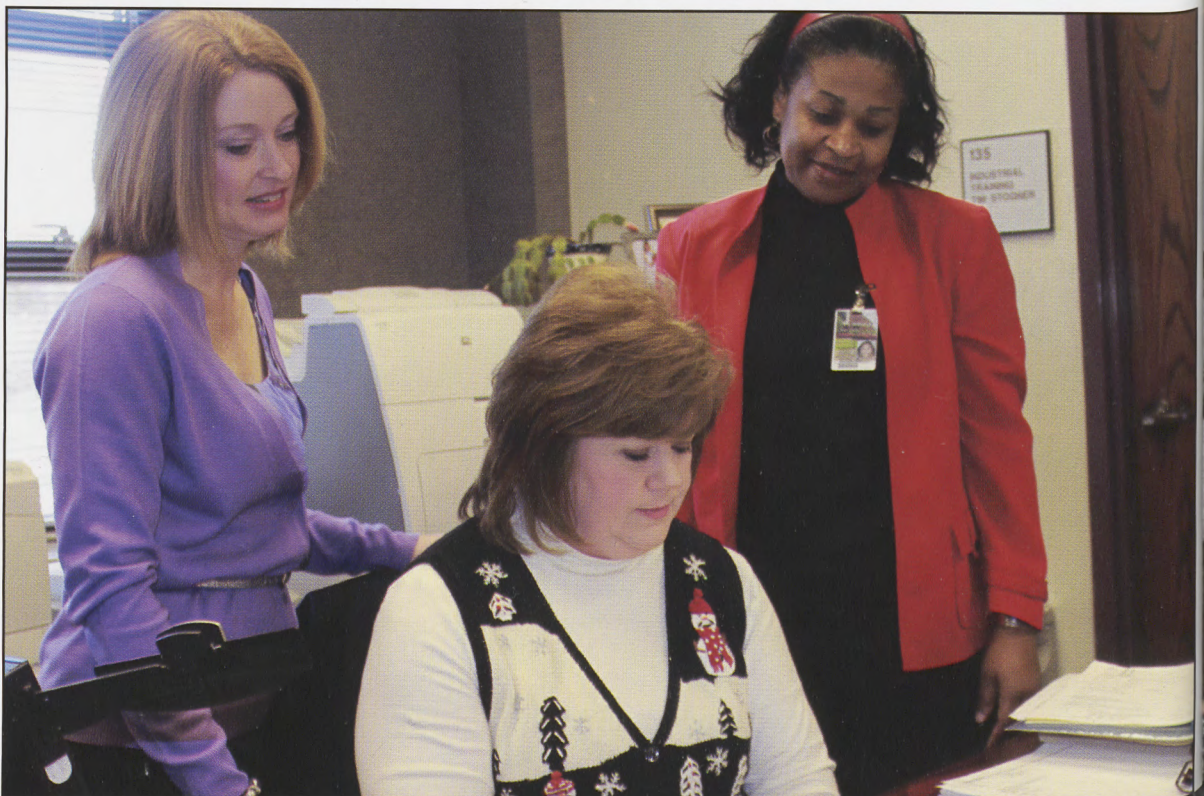
located in Kenna Hall, was under the direction of Jerry Malone. The Workforce Development Center helped to connect Southwest to the community and assisted new employees and business by equipping workers with the tools and skills needed to succeed. The Workforce Development Center was only one aspect of how SMCC helped all dreamers and daring students into doing.

- By Mary-Allyn Foster



Loran Cook, Workforce Coordinator/Project Writer for business and Industry; Tim Stogner, Industrial Services Training Coordinator; Amanda Price, Workforce Coordinator/Project Writer for business and Industry ; Janice McKellar, Drop- Out Recovery Specialist; Joni Wilkinson, WIA Educational Coordinator; Misty Byers, Receptionist; Carolyn Williams, ABE/ GED Director; Wendy Smith, Personal Development Specialist; Jerry Malone, Director

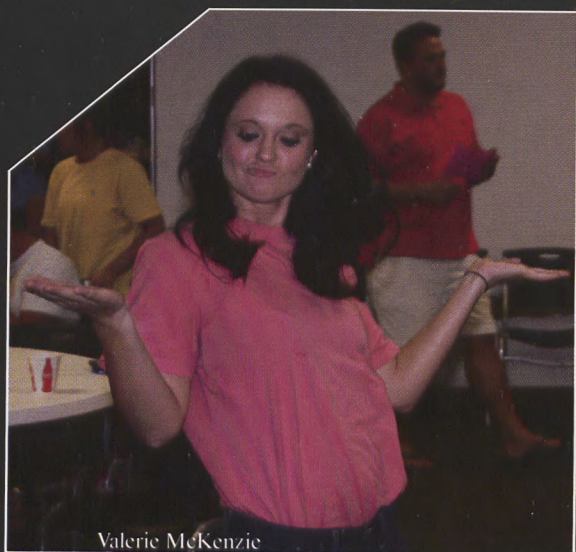
right: Loran Cook, Charlotte Malone, and Carolyn Williams proof an ad for the newspaper; above: Joni Wilkinson and Janice McKellar schedule students for testing; middle: Director Jerry Malone completes documents; top: Amanda Price creates an educational flyer; opposite page: Wendy Smith explains to Shawndrel Forbes how to use the correct format.











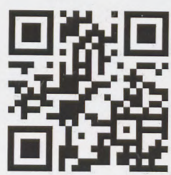
Valerie McKenzie



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# SOUTHWEST





# Organizations



# Bear Trackers PROMOTE SOUTHWEST

Each year, Southwest chooses an elite group of students called the Bear Trackers who represent the school. These students promote Southwest throughout the year in various ways. When a student applied to become a Bear Tracker, the sponsors considered the student's academic achievements, school activity participation, and enthusiasm and love for Southwest and all it has to offer.

This year, the Bear Trackers stayed busy greeting and welcoming new faces to Southwest. The Bear Trackers worked events such as Christmas Stage Band Show,

Belk Charity Event, Bear Bowl, Discover Southwest, blood drive, Parade of Beauties, and college fairs.

New things happened to the Bear Trackers this year. A new sponsor Karinlee Brister was welcomed, and the Bear Trackers had the privilege to attend the Ole Miss Academic Leadership Dinner in Brookhaven, MS, alongside other schools and ambassadors. The Bear Trackers also won first place in the homecoming parade float competition for student organizations.

--By Amber Smith



Ken Wicker, Gary Havlin, Tara Breland, and Jordan King get ready to welcome the visiting high school students.



Karinlee Brister, sponsor; Olivia Robinson, Nickeysha Nathaniel, Amy Lambert, Christina Granger, Laken Crosby, Rachel Cox, Leighton Honea, Pat Young, sponsor; second row: Rebekah Richard, Tori Harvey, Hillary Cone, Carley Ardillo, Brittney Roberts, Tara Breland, Brittany Rawls, Victoria Price, Kirkland Ford; third row: Richard Hodges, Alonah Malendres, Amber Smith, Hilarie Smith, Lacey Orr, Chelsey Causey, Haylie Allen; back row: Taylor Polk, Hayden Wallace, Ken Wicker, Charles Carr, Ken Hodges, Jordan King, Tate Allen, Gary Havlin, Josh King



above: Christina Granger, and Josh King go over their duties for the day with sponsor Karinlee Brister at the Bear Bowl; opposite page: Haylie Allen and Olivia Robinson adjust the decorations on the Christmas Stage Band Show's Christmas tree.







# EVERYONE ENJOYS FELLOWSHIP AT Baptist Student Union

The mission of the SMCC Baptist Student Union was to bring students together in fellowship to help them grow in Christ. The BSU was a place to have fun, make new friends, fellowship and grow closer to God. Anthony "Twan" Britt led the BSU and had a great passion for helping college students know Jesus Christ better. Through Twan's leadership, the BSU grew and made Southwest an even better place. Each week the BSU was carrying out that goal through a variety of programs and activities. "The Shed" was the name for the Monday night Bible study where students worshipped God through song and Bible study. Devotion was lead by a local pastor or the BSU leadership team. On Wednesdays, the BSU was very busy serving

around 200 students lunch at "Noonday." Local churches provided home cooked meals that SMCC students greatly appreciated. The BSU welcomed Drew Richardson as a new part-time assistant director. Drew attended Southwest and was a part of the BSU himself. Praise and Drama teams started this year. These teams traveled to churches to share their testimony and worship God. Students gained mission experience around the world when the BSU went on Summer Mission programs. There was also a trip to Passion, which was enjoyed by all who attended. From the annual "Welcome Back" party to "See You at the Pole," the BSU was always ministering and leading in SMCC students' lives.

-By David Summerlin



Leadership team: Ken Wicker, Lacey Orr, Taylor Allen, Rachel Cox, President; Jody Lampton, Sarah Beth Furr, Anthony "Twan" Britt, advisor

top: Carter Kittrell enjoys a game of ping pong at the BSU Welcome Back Party.  
top middle: Amarbir Sandhu & Leanna Hill enjoy lunch at "Noonday."  
left: Rebecca Richard tries to follow the moves in "Just Dance."  
right: Jason Milton lines up his shot while playing pool at the BSU.









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# Wesley MOVES TO SERVE

**W**esley foundation was on the move to serve.

They served free lunch every Tuesday from 11:00- 12:30 at the little white chapel across from the library and beside the BSU. They also served the fans of the SMCC basketball players at the concession stand during the home basketball games. All of the money made at the concession stand went toward buying more supplies for the concession stand, or funding for the service

projects such as taking a group to help at the WINGS thrift store that supports the local abused women's shelter, taking a group of students to help at the St. Andrew's Mission Thrift Store, and much more. Students could get a coke for fifty cents and a hot dog for one dollar, and enjoy the game. The Wesley was always looking for kind people to help others in need. Carolyn Webster was the advisor.

- By Mytchiko Mckenzie



Officers: Victoria Mackabee, Deanna McKenzie, Mytchiko McKenzie, Evette Davis, Vonnice Alexander; second row: Robert Flay, Matthew Hallock, Michael Williams

opposite page: Olivia Robinson works at St. Andrews Mission Thrift sorting clothes; top: Mytchiko McKenzie encourages fellow students to study for exams at Wesley meeting; middle: Students enjoy food and fellowship at "Tasty Tuesday."

## Dream

Wesley students always welcomed fellow students to "Tasty Tuesday" and any other events that they sponsored. They made their peers feel right at home from eating Thanksgiving dinner to sharing ideas.



Students enjoy friendships that are made at Wesley.



Michael Williams and Carolyn Williams listen to speaker.



Reverend Dearing finishes Thanksgiving meal that he cooked.



# Choir HARMONIZES VOICES

Southwest had plenty of talented students with dreams of singing, and many of them dared to join the Southwest Mississippi Community College choir. Regardless of musical background or interest, the students who came together brought music to others around them by singing beautifully in harmony. Joe Elliott, director, led students through practices until they became perfect. The group then showed off their magnificent voices at local churches, high schools, nursing homes,

and "Noon Tunes" at the McComb Depot District. They entertained audiences with renditions of "Praise to the Lord," "Morning Has Broken," "People Get Ready," and "The Argument." Members not only improved their own vocals and learned to harmonize as a group, but also made friends and bonded. They never dreamed their appreciation for music would increase, but it did as they practiced more and more.

By Mary-Allyn Foster

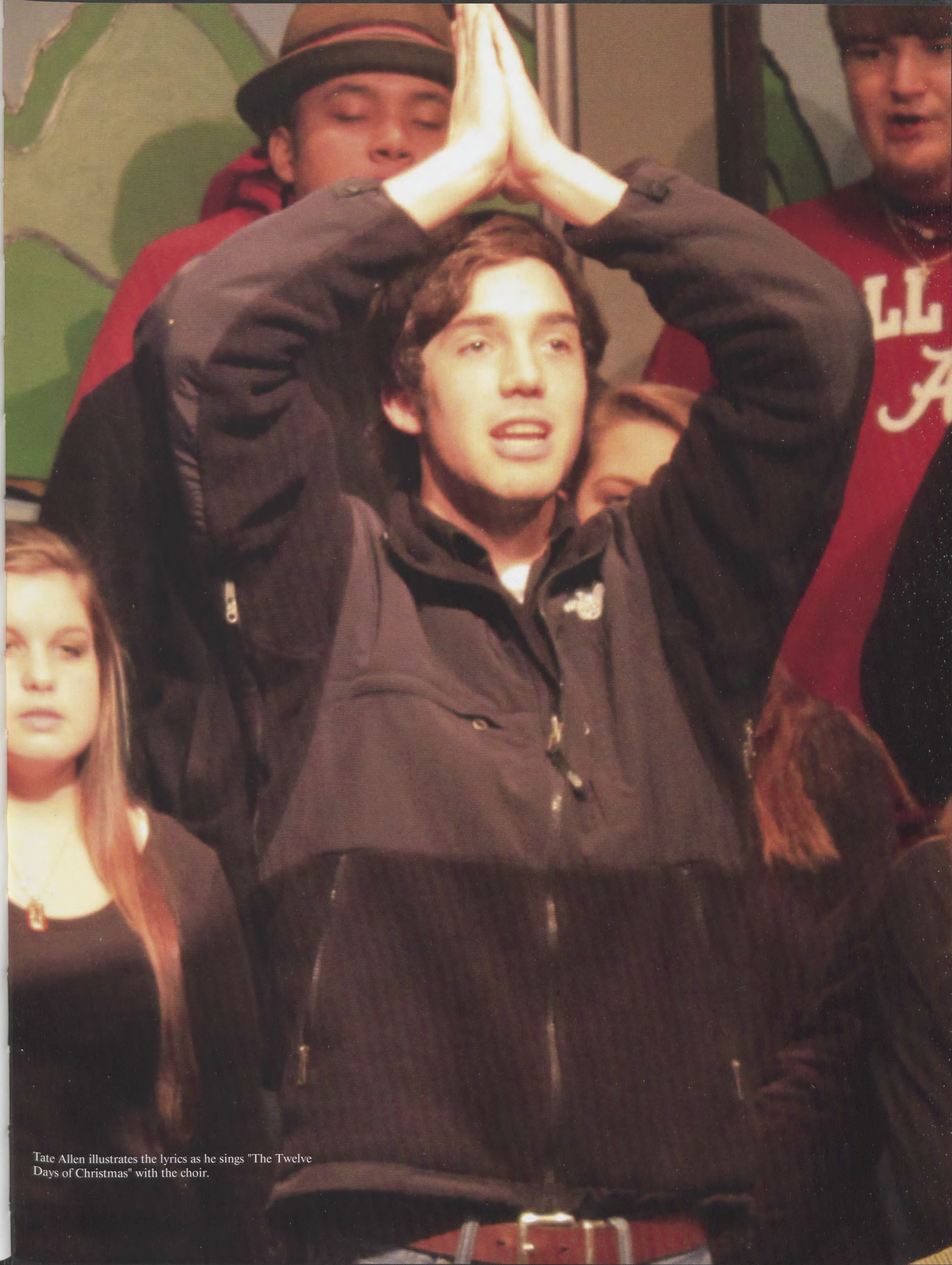


top: Amanda Wicker, Leeanna Hill, and Jessica Knippers sing "Praise to the Lord;" above: Jessica Wallace, Candace Byan, Angela Davis, Michael Buie, Clint Leonard, Colby Crosby, Connor Raborn, and Ben Griffin sing at the Institute of Learning in Retirement meeting in the Horace C. Holmes Student Union.



kneeling: Leeanna Hill, Shannon Buie, Jessica Knippers, Jessica Wallace; second row: Director Joe Elliott, Amanda Wicker, Ben Griffin, Victoria Mackabee, Hannah Stead, Damoreal Wells, Charity Edney, Courtney Freeman, Ariana Luce, Brandi Causey, Zach Fleming, Tate Allen, Kellee Cumpston, Tanner Watson, Brittney Roberts, Chase Freeman, Sarah Beth Furr, Satin Pierce, Connor Raborn, Candace Bryan, Prochorus Lewis, Michael Buie, Angela Davis, Clint Leonard, Travis Bonham, Colby Crosby; not pictured: Josh Miller, Shawndrel Forbes, Jennifer Ravencraft, Valerie McKenzie, Christina Grainger, Kate Vanderford, Clint Leonard, Ariel Harness, Leanna Myers, Jordan King, Chelsea Ford, Chantel McCray, Asia Hilbert, and Cody Mills.





Tate Allen illustrates the lyrics as he sings "The Twelve Days of Christmas" with the choir.





ADN instructors Shellah Young and Stephanie Greer, and ADN students Bubba Boggs and Roslyn Wallace, speak with Nancy Lamb after she speaks to S.N.O. about nursing "Back in the Day."



With assistance from Preston Wells, Bubba Boggs suits up in a level four hazmat suit.

## ///S.N.O. gives nursing students opportunities.

Southwest's Student Nursing Organization gave nursing students the opportunity to communicate with others in the nursing field. S.N.O. students attend conferences, host guest speakers, and meet other students pursuing the same career. Students have the opportunity to test their nursing skills at health fairs, clinicals, and in the classroom.

S.N.O. participated in community service activities such as the fall fest

blood pressure screening, hosted by Summit, and MICA (McComb Interdenominational Care Association) canned food drives.

In honor of breast cancer awareness in October, SNO hosted guest speaker Joni Wilkinson to speak about her personal battle with breast cancer. SNO is led by advisors and ADN instructors Stephanie Greer and Shellah Young.



ADN students participate in blood pressure screenings at the health fair hosted by Edgewood Mall. Students participating in the event were April Dedon, Roslyn Wallace, Jamie Meilstrup, Pertriece Taylor, and Sarah Byrd.





Third semester Southwest OB/PEDS students at King's Daughters Medical Center got to meet the crew of an Emergency Medical Flight Team. They each got to tour the helicopter and ask questions. The students were educated on the policies and procedures of patient transport. Teri Watson, Roslyn Wallace, Lisa Simmons, Danielle Butler, Tia Anthony, Shenika McGee, Bridget Dunn, Lashonda Catchings, Lytanga Hampton.



ADN Class Officers; Simmons McGehee, President; Daniel Moore, Vice- President; Tia Anthony, Secretary; Lori Woodward, Treasurer; Chelsea Hubner and Kayla Smith, Representatives.





Tanya Holmes, Parliamentarian; Deanna Martin, SMCC Collegiate DECA advisor and Advertising Instructor; Deneatres Deer, Jack Ryan-Enterprise Journal Editor; Cheronique Cameron, Lance Reid, James Wilson, Arcell Williams, Roy McGee, Kaedderick ("Tee") Jackson, Secretary; Alonah Malendres, Shelby Price, President; Jayde Fortenberry, Misty Stockton and Lee Atwood.

## Collegiate DECA PREPARES MEMBERS FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

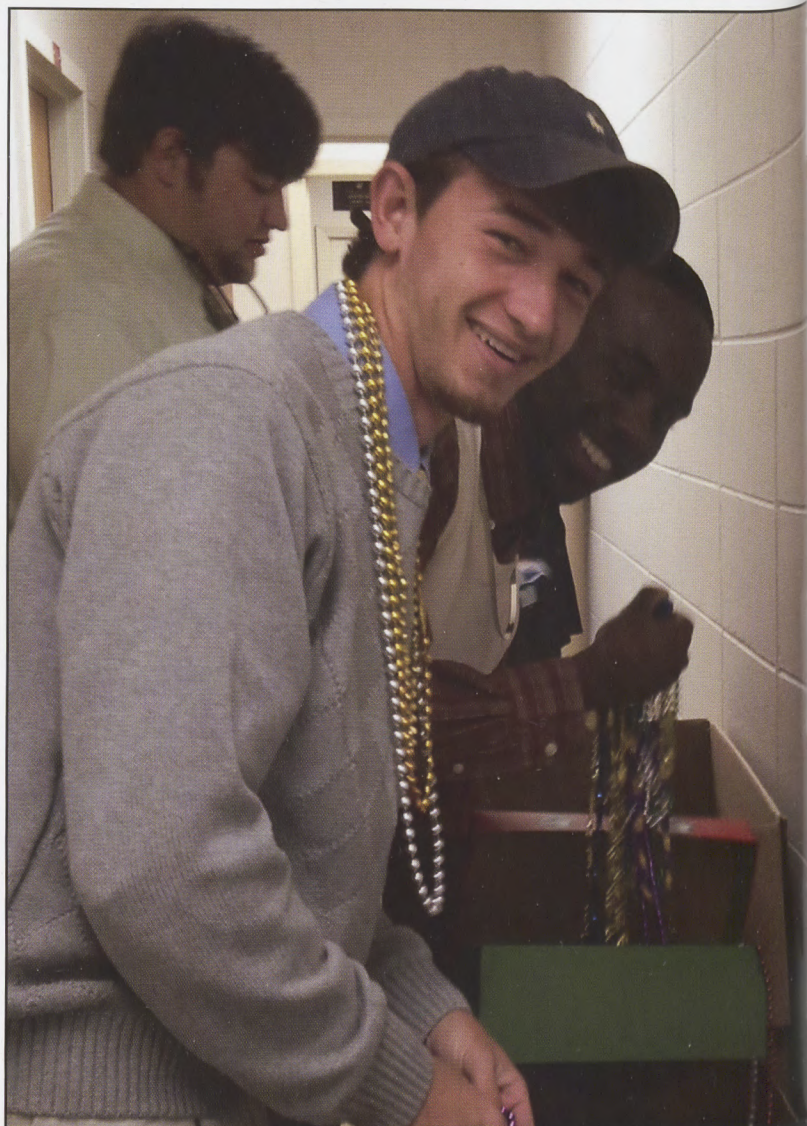
Collegiate DECA was an international organization which prepared emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in business, marketing, management, finance, and hospitality in colleges around the globe. The group was under the direction of Deanna Martin. The organization provided its members with opportunities to practice and displayed their skills at the state and international level. SMCC Collegiate DECA members competed each year at the Mississippi Collegiate DECA Career Development Conference and the International Collegiate DECA Career Development Conference. Students have traveled across the country to demonstrate their business and marketing skills and have also enjoyed the opportunity to network with business executives

from across the world. In recent years, the students have traveled to Atlanta, GA; Anaheim, CA; Louisville, KY; and Orlando, FL, where students have received numerous awards and honors for their academic achievements, business skills and community service projects.

The group participated in a variety of community service projects each year. This year SMCC Collegiate DECA packed 204 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, collected 127 canned food goods for the local K106 Thanksgiving Food Drive and collected 25 coats for the local Coats for Kids Christmas Coat Drive. Collegiate DECA strived to develop academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced leaders.

-By Olivia Robinson

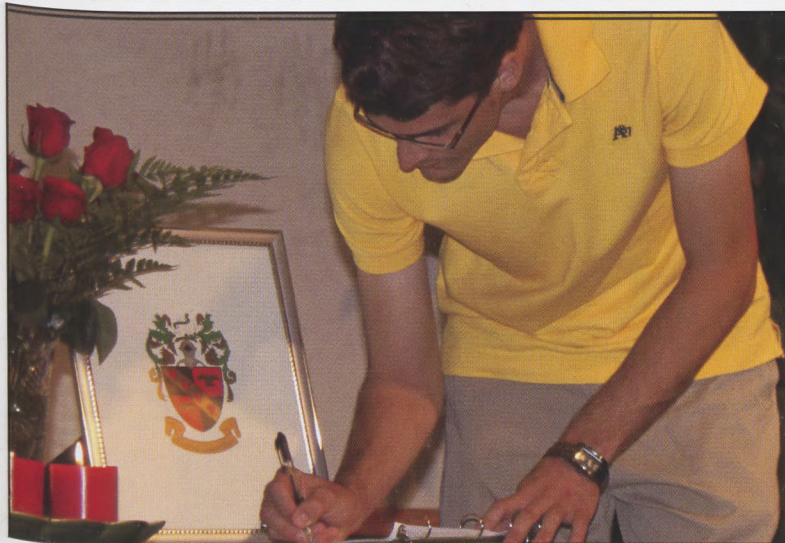
bottom right: Jonathan Laird, Alex Rea, and Roy McGee pack boxes for DECA's annual project Operation Christmas Child project;  
top right: Miranda McGehee counts coats for the annual coat drive for children sponsored by DECA.







Jamie O'Quin, Victoria Price, Rebekah Richard, Ashley Wofford, Kaitlin Nettles, Nancy Holmes, sponsor, Leslee Ravencraft, Joe Papisan, Chelsey Causey, James Roberts, Mollie Long, Hayden Wallace, Heather Wages, Taylor Vines, Julie-Ray Morel, Richard Hodges, Jana Cooper, Daniel Cobb, Crystal O'Bryant, Morgan Boyd, and Gwen May, sponsor



# A CLASSROOM **Future** IS WAITING **Educators of** FOR THE **America**

**F**uture Educators of America (FEA) was an organization offering experience and guidance to students dreaming of a career in teaching. Led by advisors Nancy Holmes and Gwen May, FEA met three times a semester on Mondays at noon in the upstairs dining room of the Holmes Student Union. Their goals were to promote the image of education in the community, prepare prospective teachers entering the workforce, and produce more well-informed and well-equipped educators. FEA helped serve the community and allowed members to become more

familiar with interacting with individual students by providing tutoring sessions in the library with children from local elementary schools. "Perhaps the greatest advantage to being an FEA member is the tutoring program," said advisor Gwen May. "Through this program, students who serve as tutors quickly discover if they really want to become teachers." FEA member Joseph Papisan said, "When I see how thrilled the kids are by it really makes the education field seem worthwhile."

- By Joe Papisan

## SCIENCE MAJORS **TriBeta** JOIN

**B**eta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society was a society for undergraduate students. It sought to encourage scholarly attainment in the field of learning by reserving its regular membership for those who achieve superior academic records and who indicate major interest in the life sciences. It desired to

cultivate intellectual interest in the natural sciences and to promote a better appreciation of the value of biological study. TriBeta members helped with the Math and Science Building homecoming float. Several members were involved in facilitating experiments at the Higgins Middle School Science Fair.

- By Mary Allyn Foster

top: Richard Hodges and Kaitlin Nettles work together to prepare gifts for children; middle: Andrew Harrison signs the register at the TriBeta Biological Honors Society induction ceremony; left: Chelsea Ford, Misha Moore, Brittany Lambert, Katie Wallace, Kelsey Wells, Ashley Johnson, Ashley Brewer, Taylor Wilkinson; second row: Leighton Honea, Caitlin Adams, Javis Jackson, Taylor Polk, Matthew Williams, Andrew Harrison, Adam Nunez, Kenan Upton, Amarbir Sandhu, Kyle Adams, Steven Gunnell, Lacey Orr, Laken Rawls, Dr. Alana Gabler and Robin Kuntz, advisors



# Phi Beta Lambda

MEMBERS LEARN  
TO BECOME LEADERS



**P**BL members have learned to widen their ideas on how to become successful leaders and maintain confidence in themselves and their occupation. Phi Beta Lambda brings business and education together through modern leadership and career development programs. Members have also learned how to manage the transition from school

to the workforce and how to make that transition a success.

Phi Beta Lambda events consist of accounting, marketing, business ethics, database fundamentals, cyber security, programming, and contemporary sports issues. Each year the SMCC Phi Beta Lambda Chapter unites with the March of Dimes as sponsors for the annual March of Babies walk.

-By Amber Smith

above: Shatira White focuses on the candle during the induction ceremony; right: Jeremy Smith, Vice-President of Career Technical Education; Melissa Campbell, Advisor; Kathy Boyte, Advisor; Cara Corban, President; Jermain Handy, Vice-President; Laterica Jagers, Treasurer; Darlene Freeman, Historian; Candice Varnado, Reporter; Shatira White, Parliamentarian; Leeanne Rutland, Advisor, and Dr. Kim Tynes, Advisor.



Cara Corban, Candice Varnado, Stacey Gibson, April Mathis, Dawn Hodges, Preety Sharma, Gidget Jackson, Amber Thornton; second row: Shelia Wallace, Jermain Handy, Laterica Jagers, Anita Holmes, Linda Winding, Darlene Freeman, Vanessa Hughes, Kaedderick Jackson, Quintessia Green; back row: LaTesha Quinn, Shatira White, Dustin Hodges, Glen Rimes, Kurt Brumfield, Lindsey George, Demetria Perkins.



# Anime Club

PROVIDES KNOWLEDGE  
OF JAPANESE CULTURE

right: Amanda Brister dresses as her favorite Anime character.  
below: Nicolette Johnson, Gabriel Imrabtene, and Lance Reid learn how to prepare sushi during a meeting.



New to Southwest's campus this year, Anime Club attracted many people: some longtime fans of the genre, and some curious newcomers anxious to learn about it. In America, the term "anime," a shortened form of the word "animation," refers to the large body of animated work that is produced in Japan, including both animated television shows and movies.

The Anime Club met twice a week under the direction of Noriko Faust, Southwest's teacher of Japanese and sponsor of the club. Members discussed and enjoyed many different facets of Japanese popular culture at the meetings. On Mondays, members viewed a selection of episodes,

usually from two different anime television series. The Friday meetings featured an assortment of workshops -- workshops on drawing in the style of manga (Japanese comics), making anime costumes, making sushi, and Japanese gaming. Members also brought their favorite manga and popular Japanese music to share and discuss with the rest of the club. Other major club activities included the group feedback discussions, Halloween costume contest, Thanksgiving potluck dinner, Christmas gift exchange, and Mardi Gras party.

Anime Club provided an avenue of campus involvement through experiencing shared interests with fellow students.

--By Connor Raborn



front row: Noriko Faust, sponsor, Chelsey Johnson, Matthew Hallock, Megan Haraughty, Nicolette Johnson, Layla Smith; back row: Amanda Brister, Connor Raborn, Michael Williams, Lance Reid, Avery Polk, Gabriel Imrabtene, Leo Caire, Joseph Papisan





above: Kurt Brumfield demonstrates to the students at Higgins Middle School how water can affect the sound in glasses.



# Phi Theta Kappa

PARTICIPATES  
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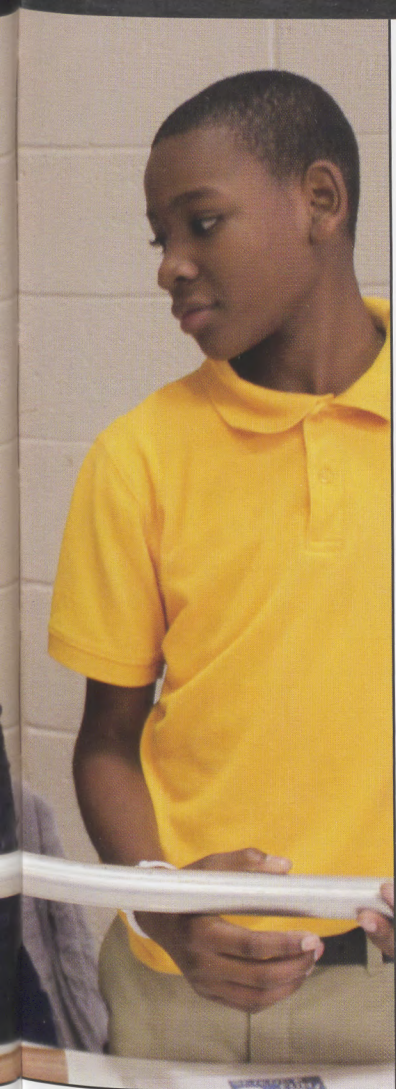
**O**n October 2, 2011, twenty-seven students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Delta Chapter at Southwest Mississippi Community College. The SMCC Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Delta Chapter was a community college honors' society based on academic achievements. Phi Theta Kappa was similar to the high school BETA honor society. According to article two of the Constitution of Omicron Delta Chapter, "The purpose of Omicron Delta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Southwest Mississippi Community College shall be the promotion of scholarship, the development of leadership and service and the cultivation of fellowship among qualified students of this college." In order to be invited into Phi Theta Kappa a student must have completed fifteen college hours in one college semester, and continually maintained a 3.5 or above overall grade point average. Once inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa the student must maintain a 3.0 overall grade point average.

Meeting the requirements for joining the Phi Theta Kappa was difficult; however, there

are many advantages of being in the Phi Theta Kappa that made the hard work worthwhile. Many four year universities offer scholarships to members of Phi Theta Kappa and have similar honor societies at the university for students to join. Being a member of Phi Theta Kappa offered students the chance to participate in community service projects such as working at St. Andrews Thrift Store, assisting with the American Lung Association SMART program on drug and tobacco awareness for local high school students, assisting with the SMCC college fair, and helping with the local MICA food pantry. As a member of Phi Theta Kappa students also have the opportunity to gain leadership skills by attending the regional and national Phi Theta Kappa Conventions.

An organization such as Phi Theta Kappa recognized the dedication required to achieve such high academic standards and encouraged students to reach their academic and leadership potential as they continue their educational careers beyond the two year level.

--By Mytchiko McKenzie



left: Ken Wicker looks on as Michael Buie lights the candle at the PTK induction ceremony; opposite page middle: Brooklyn Westmoreland welcomes the new members at the induction ceremony; opposite page top left: Katie Wallace lets the students help her set up her experiment; opposite page top right: Lacey Orr demonstrates her model rocket.





John McGuire, Charles Carr, Karen May, advisor; Joe Papisan, Mary Allyn Foster, Dori Richardson, advisor; Taylor Vines; standing: Gabriel Imrabtene, Jane O'Rourke, Hayden Wallace.



# Scholars' Bowl

**PLACES FIRST IN  
SECTIONALS AND  
ADVANCES TO  
NATIONALS**

**S**cholars' Bowl is the ultimate academic contest for those who dare to test their arsenal of knowledge. Students compete for precious points in a match of twenty questions, ranging from atomic structure to pop culture. Extra points can be received through bonus questions for answering a toss-up question correctly, as well as speed bonuses if the question is answered quickly enough. Southwest's Scholars' Bowl team competed in many tournaments against Community and Junior

Colleges across the nation, even climbing to the 2011-2012 Community College Championship Tournament in Panama City, FL. Being a scholar's bowl member is not just about competition, however. Each November SMCC hosts the annual Bear Bowl, a competition for high school academic teams. "Participating in Quiz Bowl offers students the best of both the academic and sports worlds," said advisor Dori Richardson.

-By Joe Papisan

left: Hayden Wallace concentrates on the proctor; top right: Jane O'Rourke and Taylor Vines discuss a bonus question.





# Pine Burr

WINS AWARDS  
AT O.C. MCDAVID  
JOURNALISM  
CONFERENCE

The *Pine Burr* connected SMCC alumni, staff, and students all over the country. Published monthly and written by students, the *Pine Burr* informed students with the facts of the news and events on campus at Southwest. While being on the *Pine Burr*, students learned journalism, people, and time management skills. Adviser Joyce Mabry and students worked meticulously on following the latest stories involving educational programs, athletic events, cultural activities, student organizations, and alumni achievements. While being on the *Pine Burr* staff, students were taught how to use the Quark computer program, which was used to create the template of the paper before it was sent to press at the local *Enterprise-Journal*. The *Pine Burr* was comprised of a diversity of students, some were cartoonists, journalists, poets, and photographers. Students on the *Pine Burr*

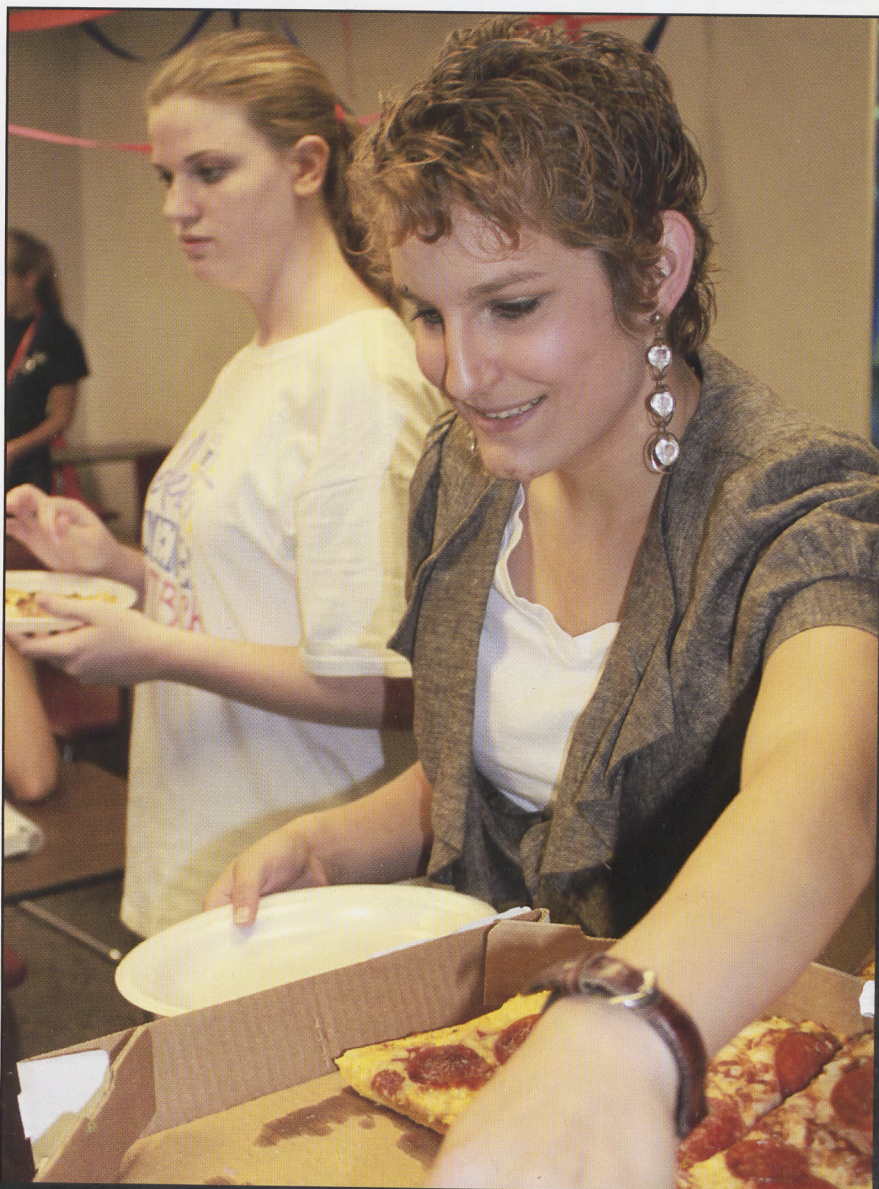
staff were inspired to write how they felt and what students around them felt. Staff member David Summerlin said, "Being on the *Pine Burr* is fun because you get to be with friends, write creatively, and deliver papers." The *Pine Burr* was a member of the Mississippi Press Association and participated in competitions. SMCC journalism students won awards in the Mississippi Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest- Student Division for community college newspapers for their *Pine Burr* articles and cartoon at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference in Jackson, MS. Students winning awards were the following: Eric Easley, honorable mention- Spot News/Investigating Package; Lori Davis, second place- General News Story; Joe Papisan, second place- Cartoon Division, and Ashley Wofford, first place- Feature Story.

-By Kayla Boyd and Ashley Wofford



Adviser Joyce Mabry, Kayla Boyd, editor; Ashley Wofford, editor; Olivia Robinson, Mychiko McKenzie, Jamie Roberts, Daniel Cobb; second row: Joseph Papisan, Charles Carr, Mary Allyn Foster, Ashley Reed, Shelby Grubbs, Delane Wilson, Haley Lambert, Danielle Rimes, David Summerlin

top right; Ashley Wofford, John Montgomery and Mychiko McKenzie unload papers for delivery; bottom left: Haley Lambert and Mychiko McKenzie enjoy pizza.





# Student Government Association

MOTIVATES PEERS  
TO GET INVOLVED

**S**tudent Government Association was a group of students elected by their peers to plan various student activities each school year. The elected students met on a weekly basis to discuss issues and coordinate upcoming events. This year the SGA went to a Student Voices workshop at Hinds Community College where they met SGA members from other colleges as well as several legislatures.

To really motivate their peers for homecoming, the SGA sponsored a week of fun filled activities. SGA activities included a cookout, powder puff football game, steak cooking

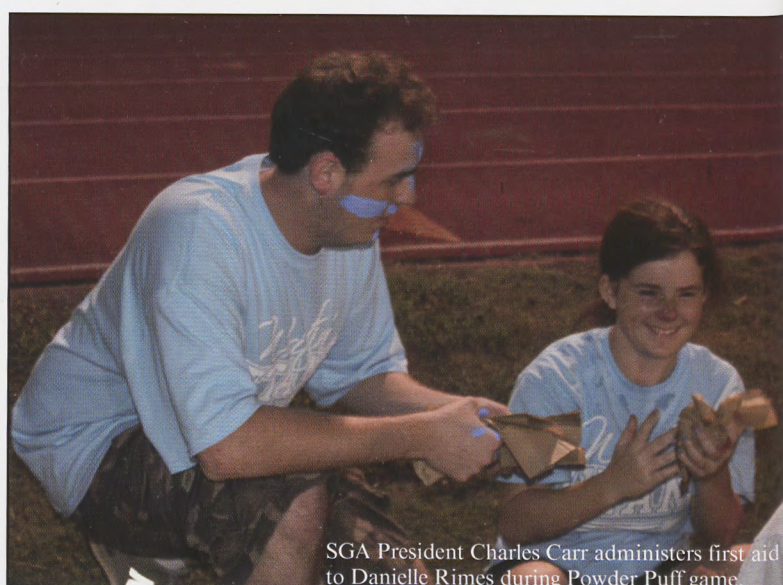
contest, hot dog eating contest, coke drinking contest, and other numerous activities.

The SGA's goal was to strive and make the campus of Southwest Mississippi Community College livelier than it has ever been by getting a larger percentage of the student population involved in various activities.

"SGA was a lot fun this year. The diverse group of people involved really helped ensure that the events we sponsored and coordinated drew the interests of the entire student body," said Charles Carr, Student Government Association



SGA Officer Ken Wicker and student Gary Haylin check the blood drive sign-up sheets.

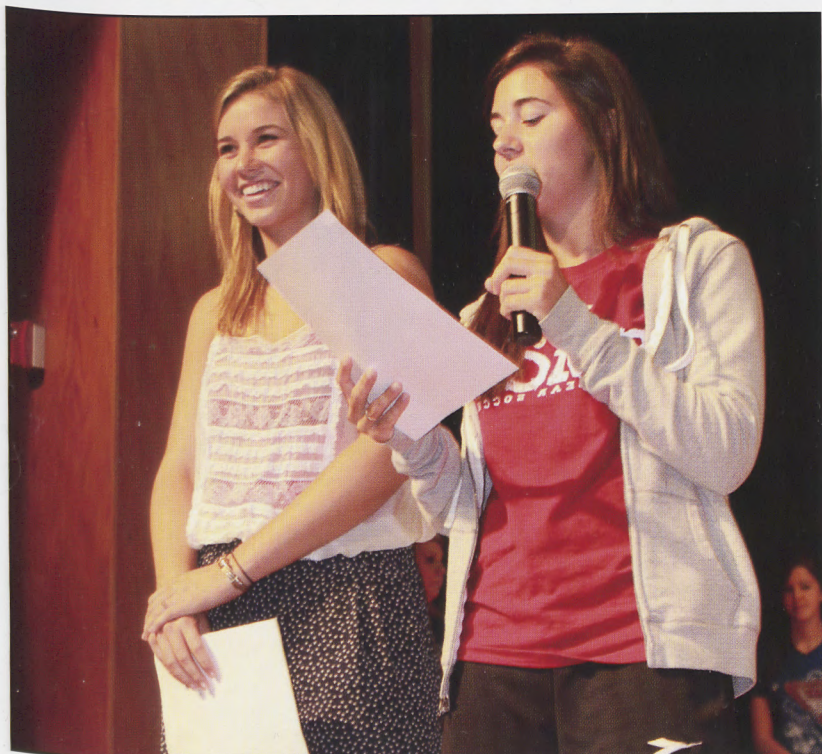
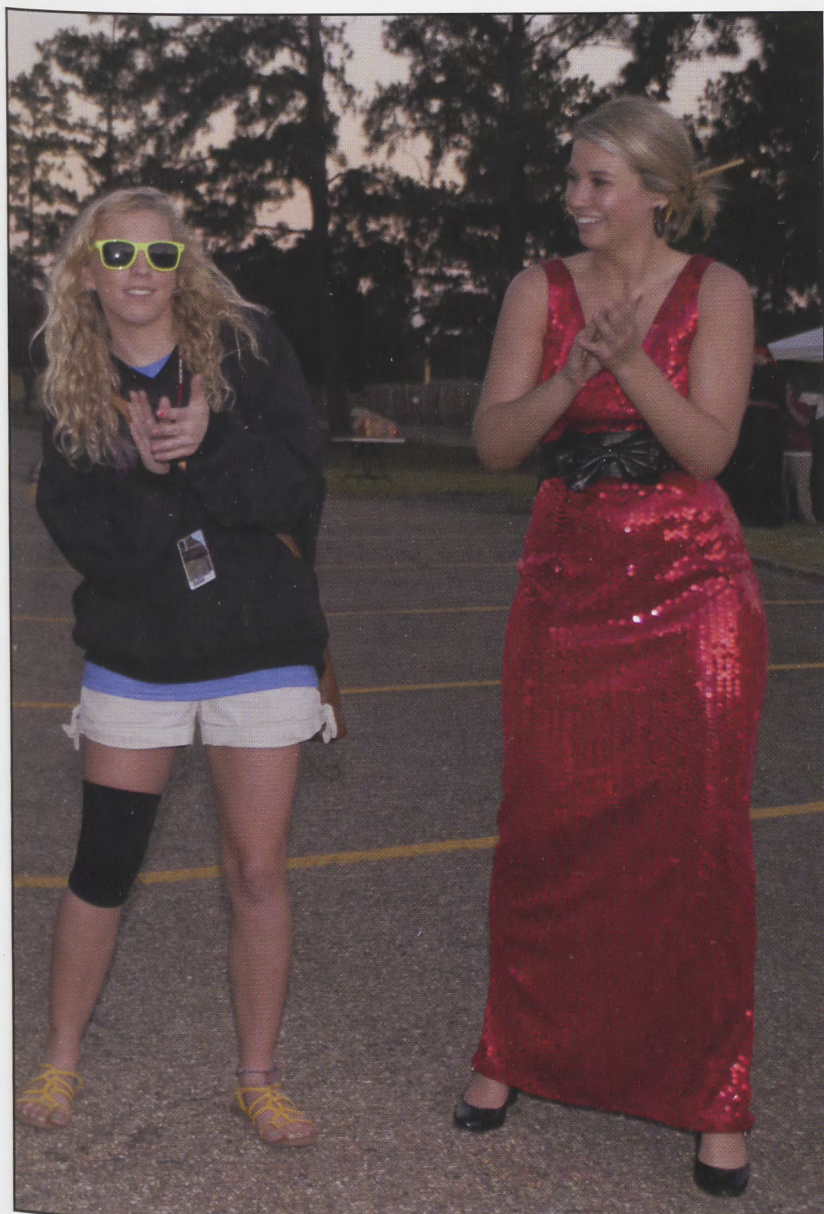


SGA President Charles Carr administers first aid to Danielle Rimes during Powder Puff game.



first row: Michael Ziebol, Kirkland Ford, Rachel Cox, Leeanna Hill, Rebekah Richard; second row: Bill Ashley, advisor; Alex Marshall, Charles Carr, Jody Lampton, Lacey Orr, Ken Wicker, and Twan Britt, advisor





top: Leeanna Hill and Lacey Orr participate in a line dance at the steak cook off;  
above: Lacey Orr and Rachel Cox give the announcements during a pep rally for the football game.

## SGA Officers



Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs; Charles Carr, President; Rachel Cox, Vice-President; Lacey Orr, Secretary; Jody Lampton, Treasurer; Twan Britt, advisor

## Sophomore Class Officers



Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs; Michael Ziebol, President; Alex Marshall, secretary; Ken Wicker, treasurer; Twan Britt, advisor

## Freshman Class Officers



Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs; Kirkland Ford, President; Leeanna Hill, Vice-President; Rebekah Richard, Secretary; Twan Britt, advisor





Joe Papisan, Olivia Robinson, Mytchiko McKenzie, Danielle Rimes, David Summerlin, Lauren Mabile, Mary Allyn Foster, editor; Charles Carr, editor; Tara Beth Breland, Amber Smith, editor; Shelby Green, Shelby Grubbs, Dylan Peters, Haley Lambert, Joyce Mabry, adviser







# Whispering Pines

RECEIVES AWARD  
IN YEARBOOK  
COMPETITION

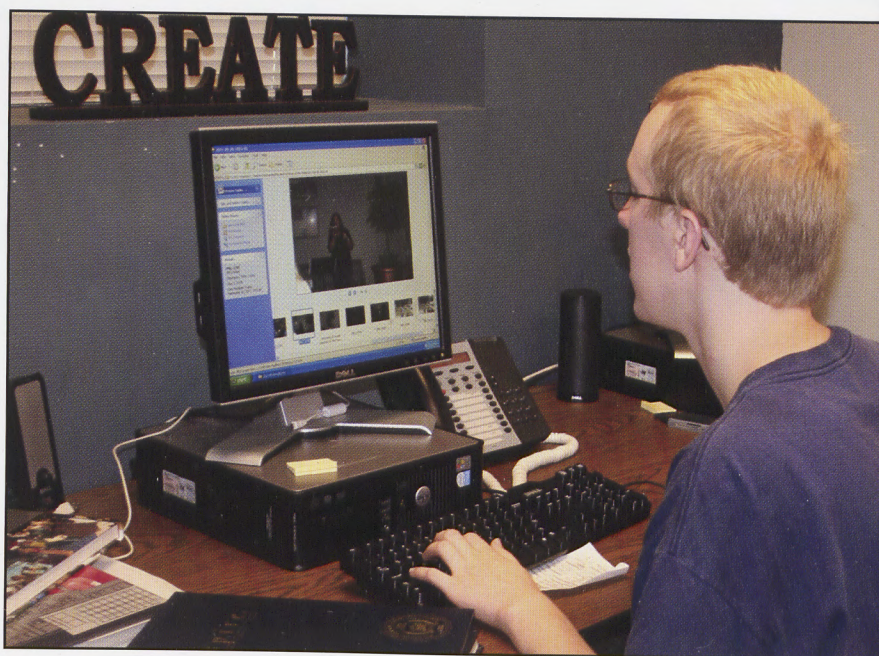
Members of the *Whispering Pines* staff and Joyce Mabry, advisor, attended the Tenth Annual National College Yearbook Workshop in New Orleans, LA. The *Whispering Pines* staff traveled by train. The staff dared to learn for three days about creativity and journalism. The tracks at the workshop ranged from Advanced InDesign to Editor Leadership. At these meetings members of the staff were taught the new and most up-to-date way to produce the yearbook successfully.

The *Whispering Pines* staff chose this year's

yearbook theme as "Dream, Dare, Do" with the belief that students "dream" of their future, "dare" to strive for their goal, and "do" what is necessary.

The *Whispering Pines* staff worked many days writing copy, designing layouts, and proofing. While designing the yearbook, *Whispering Pines* staff members learned many new techniques and how to apply a graphic correctly to a page. The yearbook was recognized by the MCJCPA yearbook competition as an outstanding yearbook.

-By Amber Smith



opposite page bottom: Amber Smith, Charles Carr, and Mary Allyn Foster create layouts at the college yearbook workshop in New Orleans, LA; opposite page top: Jane O'Rourke entertains the class by playing a few songs; top page: Mychiko McKenzie down-loads photos she took at events; middle left: Joyce Mabry, advisor, checks layouts; left: John David Montgomery and Lauren Mabire write copy for layouts; above: David Summerlin crops photo for a spread.



# Marching Band

## MAINTAINS THE BEAT

This year's marching band has been outstanding. They have dedicated their spare time to make wonderful music for SMCC. Maintaining the beat was not the only responsibility for the marching band.

Under the direction of their band director, they attracted many viewers during the football season and Christmas parades. All of the band's hard work and devotion to perfecting their show and choreography paid off each time the band took center field and at other events.

When the right group of instruments got together, it

was distinct from anything else in the world. They kicked off the season with band camp in August before classes began. It was not easy, but with much practice and motivation they were able to accomplish great things.

In addition to learning the skills for the halftime shows, many tested their skills elsewhere; they did things such as acting, singing, and dancing. Whether during halftime shows or Christmas parades, rain or shine, the band at all times showed their motivation, passion, talent, and dedication towards their music.

-By Kayla Boyd



first row: Valerie LeBlanc, Elizabeth Hughes, Julie Morel, JaLene Dunaway, Laken Crosby, Valerie Mckenzie, Meagan Rousseau, Shelby Green, Alonah Malendres, Brittany Rawls, Teenya Naylor, Hanna Rippey, Victoria Ryall, Lauren Aucoin, Andre'el Brown, Megan Hale, Christina Granger; second row: Jamielee Davis, Larken Albarado, Chelsey Johnson, Taylor Miles, Brandi Smith, Yvonne Church, Chelsea Ford, Prochorus Lewis, Whitney Cothren, Layla Smith, Chereigna Dixon, Megan Haraughty, Tyler Honea, Kaitlin Nettles, Brittney Roberts; third row: Shawndrel Forbes, Kurteshia Anderson, Mary Geter, Ariana Luce, Kayla Boyd, Amanda Wicker, Michael Mcgee, Kendra Tobias, Asia Hilbert, Amanda Brister, Nicolette Johnson, Jennifer Ravencraft, Sarah Beth Furr; fourth row: Jessica Ray, Ethan Young, Lacey Jackson, Warren Woods, Josh King, Ben Griffin, Michael Williams, Gabriel Imrabtene, Neno Holmes, Darius Hampton, Connor Raborn, Tanner Watson; back row: Christen Ratcliff, Haylie Allen, Satin Pierce, Chase Freeman, Avery Polk, Lance Reid, Miranda Fuller, Russell Perry, Jordan King, Benjiman Boyd, Jesse McDaniel, Robert Broyles, Earlisha Thompson





far left: Ariana Luce pleases the crowd during her performance at the football game; left: Chelsey Johnson does a wonderful rendition of "The Lazy Song;" below: The dance line dances to "Shut Up and Drive;" bottom right: Jesse McDaniel and Amanda Wicker play the xylophone; bottom left: Chelsea Ford plays the flute during half time for the crowd.





# Steel Drum Band, Dance Line, and Color Guard CREATE EXCITEMENT

When football was over, the steel pan band kept the music playing at Southwest. These drums make Southwest an even better place to improve musical talent. Under the direction of Andrew Dale, these dedicated students learned how to play songs on their set of the steel pan drums.

Throughout the year, the steel pan band performed at many school and community events. They performed at the Christmas stage band show and played "Sugar Boom," and "Christmas in the Caribbean." They also performed in "Alexander Who's Not,

Not, Not Going to Move" fall musical. Together the Steel Pan Band, Flag Line, and Dance Line added excitement to numerous special occasions.

During this football season at Southwest, two organizations kept the crowd amazed during halftime. The flag line and dance line began their school year early during band camp as they learned their stunning routines. Both organizations performed at both the football games and local Christmas parades. These groups kept crowds cheering as they performed amazing dance routines.

--By Kayla Boyd

## Steel Drum Band



front row: Kayla Boyd, Sarah Fitzgerald, Taylor Miles, Lacey Jackson, Chelsey Johnson, Megan Haraughty; second row: Ryan Bullock, Michael Williams, Conner Rayborn, director Andrew Dale, Jesse McDaniel, Nicolette Johnson, Yvonne Church

## Dance Line



front row: Taneeya Naylor, Alonah Melandrez, Brittney Rawls; second row: Laken Crosby, Valerie McKenzie, Shelby Green, Julie Morel, Hannah Rippey, Megan Hale, Jessica Wallace, Megan Rossau, Andre'El Brown, Lauren Aucoin, JaLene Dunaway

## Color Guard

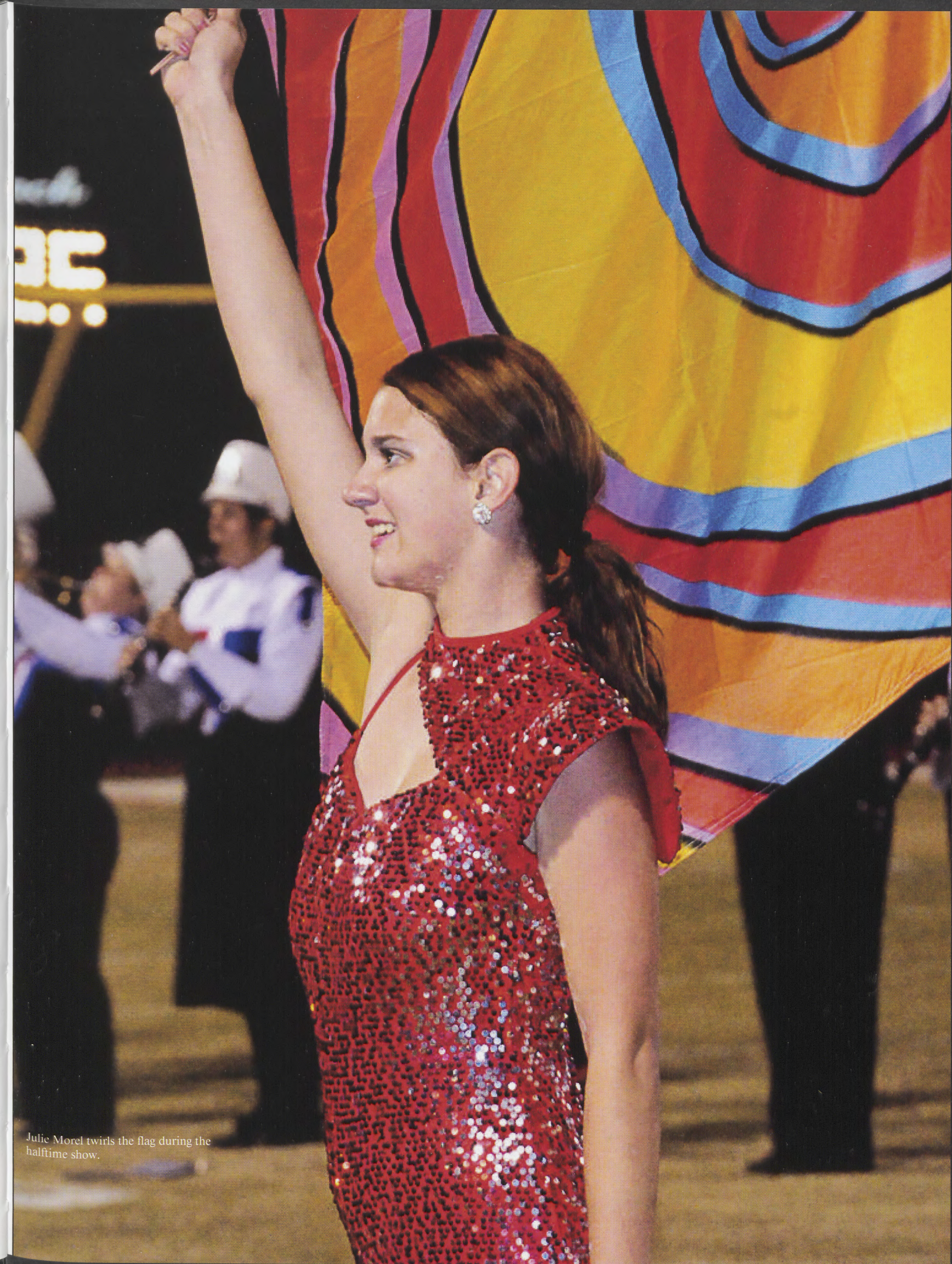


Shawndrel Forbes, Brittney Roberts, Valerie LeBlanc, Earlisha Thompson, Sarah Beth Furr, Christina Granger, Kaitlin Nettles, Jessica Ray; sitting: Jamie Lee Davis

top left: Yvonne Church keeps the beat on the steel pans at Bear Necessities Day; left: Valerie LeBlanc, Jamie Lee Davis, Sarah Beth Furr, Earlisha Thompson, Jessica Ray, and Kaitlin Nettles have fun dancing their routine.







Julie Morel twirls the flag during the  
halftime show.





Savanna Smith sings "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," an American Christmas classic.



MAGICAL  
PERFORMANCE  
OCCURS AT

# Santa's Workshop

**T**he 2011 Fall Semester came to a close with the annual Christmas Stage Band Show, entitled "Santa's Workshop."

The show directed by Shelton Whittington included performances by the band, vocals, dancers, and the Steel Pans. Songs performed ranged from religious carols to the Christmas classics everyone knew and loved. Solos were sung by Arianna Luce who sang "Merry Christmas Darling." In addition, Savannah Smith sang "Rudolph

the Red- Nosed Reindeer" while Alonah Malendres performed as Rudolph. The Steel Pans showed off their talents by playing "Christmas in the Caribbean" meanwhile Tate Allen and Tanner Watson sang the vocals. Bridgette Breeland was alongside Tanner Watson in their duet together singing "Mary Sweet Mary" and Julie-Raye Morel portrayed an angel who watched over Mary and Joseph, portrayed by Laney Perkins and Jake Touchstone.

-By Julie-Raye Morel



Chelsey Causey, JaLene Dunaway, Megan Hale, Laken Crosby prepare to bow for their standing ovation.





top left: Lacey Jackson plays the Bari Saxophone for "Go Tell it on the Mountain."; top right: Tate Allen sings "Christmas in the Caribbean" with his best friend Pudding; bottom: Colby Crosby, Meghan Hale, Julie-Ray Morel Alonah Malendres perform the opening number "Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

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# CHRISTMAS STAGE BAND SHOW



top: Julie-Raye Morel dances as an angel, while Tanner Watson and Bridgett Brecland sing "Mary Sweet Mary" and Laney Perkins and Jake Touchstone portray Mary and Joseph; bottom left: Ariana Luce sings "Merry Christmas, Darling;" bottom right: Andrew Harrison and Colby Crosby sing "Way Down in Bethlehem."

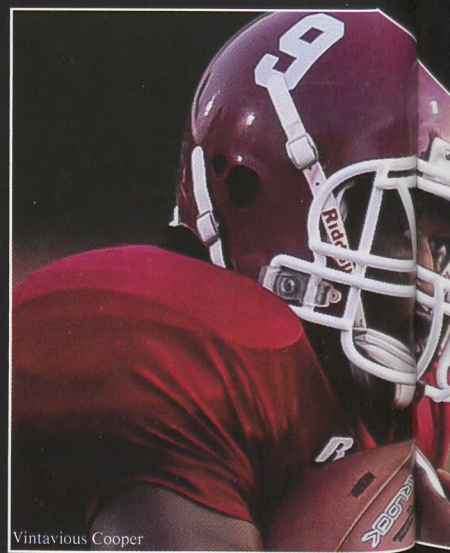




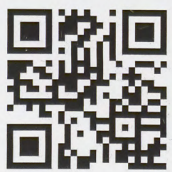
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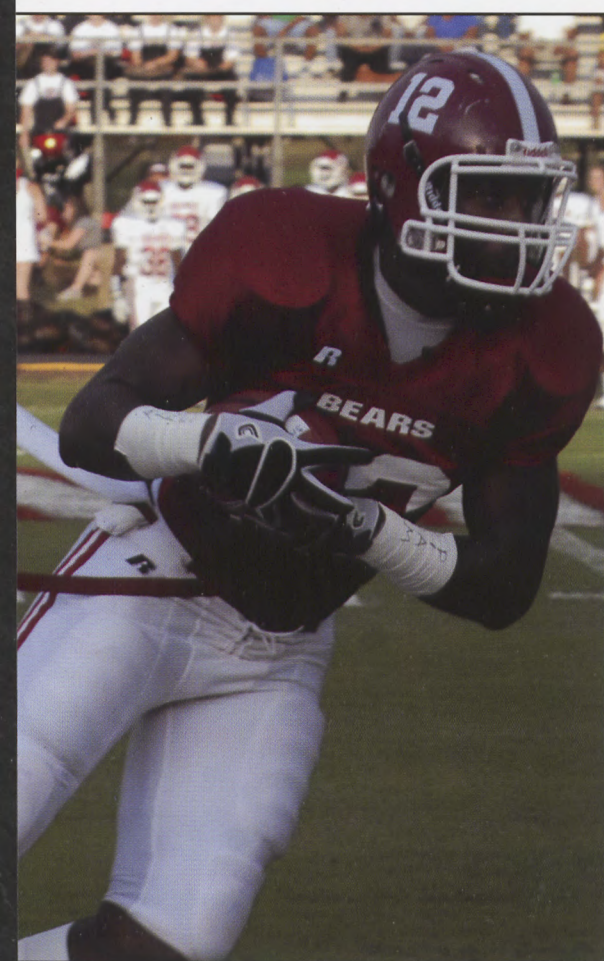
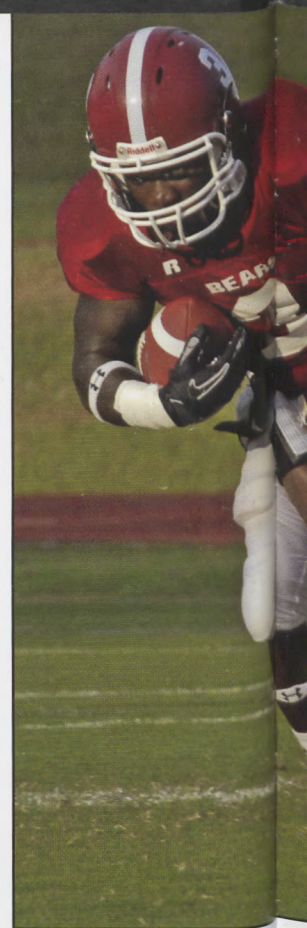
# SOUTHWEST





# Athletics





Holmes 24-21	Northeast 9-32
Pearl River 20-27	MS Gulf Coast 23-34
Co-Lin 31-28	Northwest 28-14
Hinds 20-28	Jones 35-41
East Central 28-41	

# SCOREBOARD

top left: Vintavious Cooper fights for extra yards on a run against Gulf Coast; bottom left: Renard Williams looks up field after catching a pass; opposite page; top right: Laderick Turner runs hard and breaks a tackle in pursuit of a SMCC first down; left: Ashton Elzey shakes off a tackler against Hinds; bottom: Chris Cooley catches a pass and looks for his blockers to set up a run.





## Bears electrify the field!

The 2011 Southwest Mississippi Bears started their season with high expectations. Those expectations were met against Holmes in week one with a thrilling overtime win. After the game, Coach Anthony was ecstatic about his teams' never-say-die attitude. "I'm proud; they fought to the end," said Coach Charles Anthony. The Bears would then travel to Co-Lin for a shootout in which they would be victorious. When Southwest was pinned against nationally ranked Northwest, nobody but fans gave them much of a shot. Even with the odds stacked against them, the

Bears came out with an upset win over Northwest that nobody will forget any time soon. The field was electric after the upset win, with the players and coaches flooding onto the field in celebration. "Overall, this was our best all around performance as a team," Coach Anthony said. The 2011 season left the faithful fans hungry for some more success next year. This season proved to be a good building block for future success, and the guys proved that every journey starts with a first step, and The Bears first step was more like a long stride.

--By Dylan Peters



# SMCC Bears



Offensive Line

Rico Cole, Luther Heidelberg, Garrett Watts, Ryan Triplett, Maurice Thornton, Taylor Smith, Sawyer Wynn; second row: Coach Jason Underwood, Jason Wells, Jordan Martin, Charles Gildersleeve, Danny Polk, Spencer Stovall, Jason Chaisson



Linebackers

Keith Gibson, Alex Rimes, Jed Rogers; second row: Raheem Robinson, Tony Johnson, Jarvis Young, Head Coach Charles Anthony



Defensive Backs

Floyd Barnes, Tim Lewis, Justin Hatcher, Arlandas Johnson, James Benjamin, Zach Hollins, Dacin Mithchell; second row: Brennan Dunklin, Jose Patterson, Tonnie Collins, Ontario Berry, Fedel Montgomery, Deon Howard, Chris Searight, Coach Jonathan Webster



Defensive Linemen

Chris Hughes, Mark Robinson, Cardaci Patterson Justin Proctor; Second row Illiad Kelly, Derriccho Hardaway, Edrick Henyard, David Way, Lesean Spann, Coach Charles Anthony



Offensive Skill

Justin Hatcher, Jerome Stewart, Vintavious Cooper, Terrance Evans, Bryan Cook, Ashton Elzey; second row: Coach Paul Dancsisin, Tyler Caldwell, Donnell Dunigan, Laderick Turner, Chris Cooley, Jemerick Jordan, Renard Williams, Coach David Thorton



Kickers and Punters

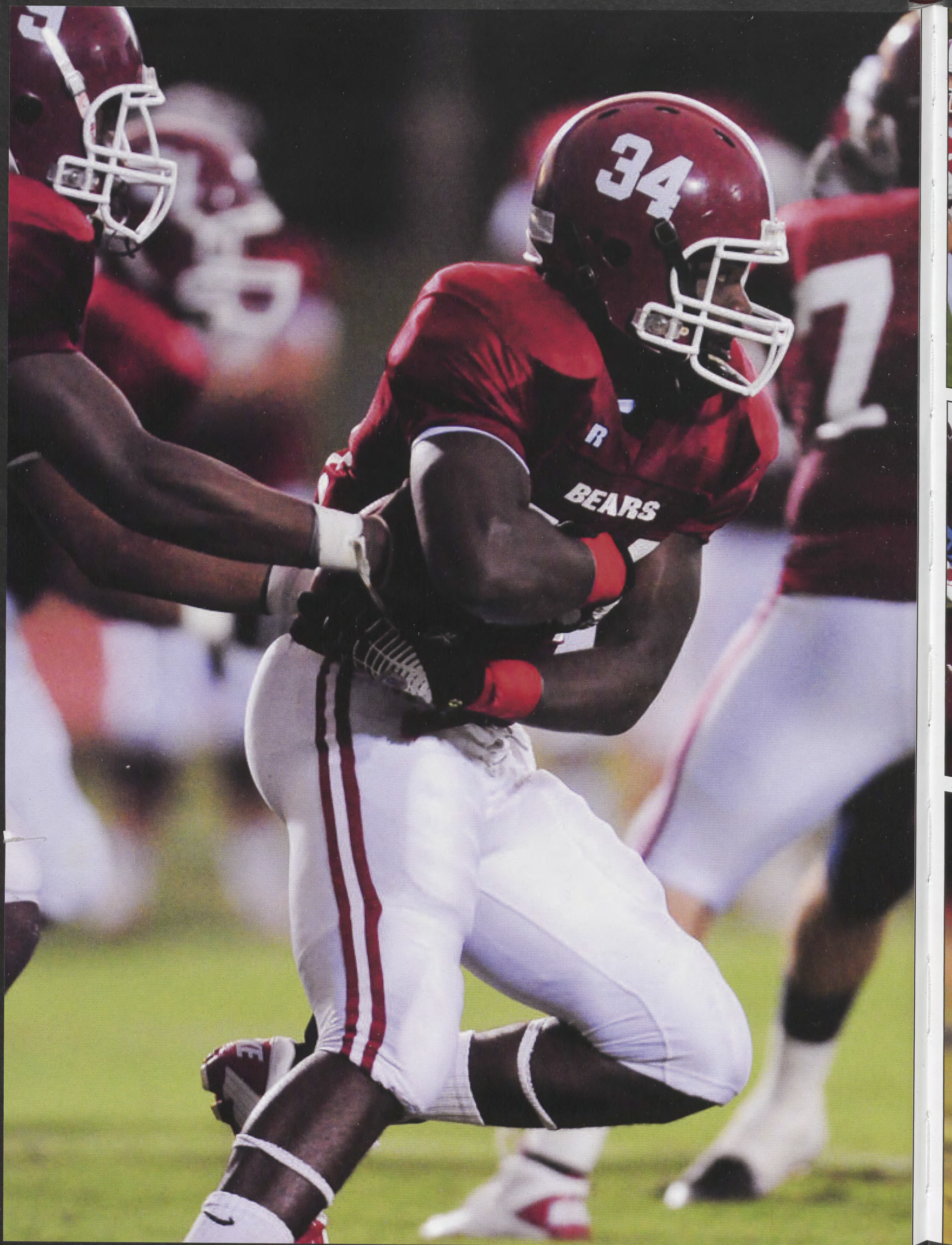
Vintavious Cooper, Jemerick Jordan; second row: Coach Paul Dancsisin, Tanner Ryals, Justin Holt, Jake Saltalamacchia, Coach Charles Anthony





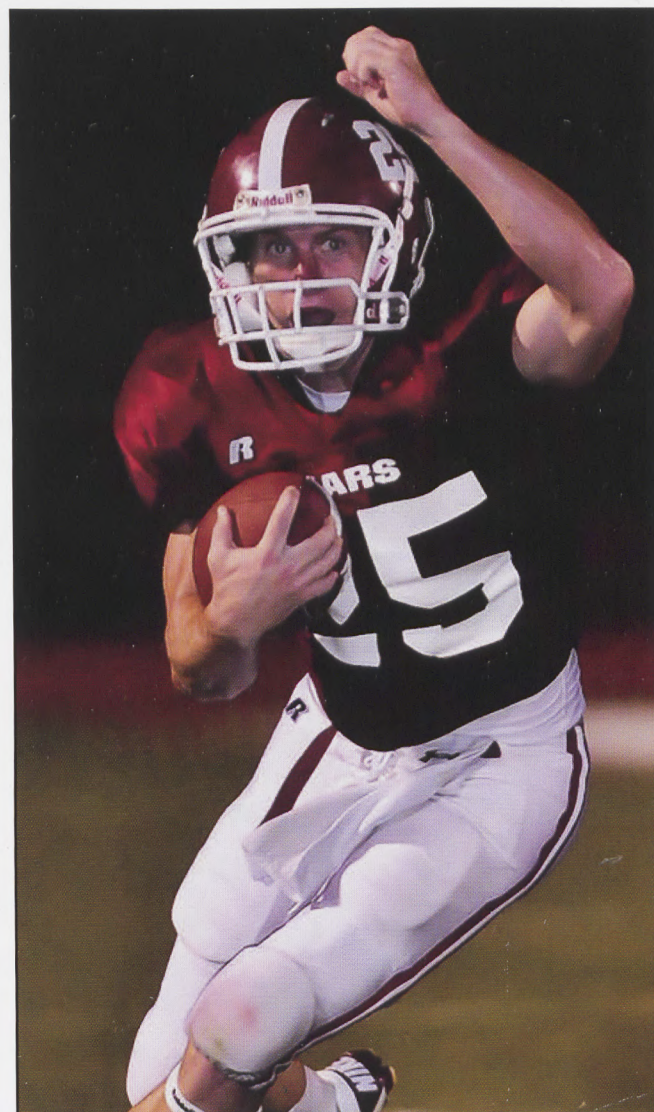
Southwest quarterback, Vintavious Cooper, keeps his balance and looks for holes in the defense. Cooper was awarded 1st team All-State South Division offensive MVP and All-Regional, as well as MVP of the All-Star Classic football game.







# FOOTBALL



opposite page: Ashton Elzey takes a handoff from Vintavious Cooper; top: Keith Gibson runs onto the field during the pre-game introduction; center left: Running back Laderick Turner runs through tacklers in a hard fought game against Hinds; left: Wide receiver Donnell Dunigan attempts to shave a defender after a reception; above: Wide receiver Justin Hatcher makes a move on a defender on his way to the end zone.





Cory Lacy goes for the slam against Co-Lin.



# BEARS' BASKETBALL



Aneshia Dillon squares up for the goal.







# Taking it to the Hoop

TEAM BEATS  
16TH RANKED  
MS GULF COAST

A capacity crowd was on hand as the Southwest Bears pulled off an incredible 72-71 upset win over the visiting Mississippi Gulf Coast Bulldogs. The win avenged an earlier 94-79 loss in Perkinston. With the win, Southwest moved to 10-11 overall and 5-5 in the MACJC South Division. Though not assuring themselves of a spot in the upcoming state playoffs with the win, the Bears took a giant step toward that goal. The 16th-ranked Bulldogs fell to 19-3 and 10-1.

Taking an early 4-0 lead on baskets by Mark Bridgewater and Wesley Blackmon, the Bears extended their advantage to 14-3 with 12:46 to play in the half on another Blackmon two-pointer. Gulf Coast showed itself worthy of its national ranking as the Bulldogs battled back to tie the game at 26-26 with 2:48 left in the half. In the second half, the Bulldogs quickly went on top 33-31 with 19:32 left in the game and slowly built their lead to 54-46 with

11:00 showing on the clock. Unable to put the game out of reach, Gulf Coast watched as the Bears slowly and methodically drew closer before tying the game at 66-66 on a Mikel Henry three-pointer with 3:11 left to play. Just as near the end of the first half, the teams traded points down the stretch. With his squad down 71-70 and only 0:05 left to go, Bridgewater hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 71-71. A collective groan went up from the crowd as Flowers' first attempt was unsuccessful. But, after his second shot went through the net and Gulf Coast desperation shot at the buzzer failed to hit its mark, the crowd rushed the court in celebration. After receiving a post-game dousing of water and ice from his team, Carter said "That was as good a game as I've ever been a part of and I've been a part of some big ones. This win was not just for our team, but it was for Southwest as a whole."

-By Michael Gunnell

opposite page: Parker Moore guards opposing player;  
right: Mark Bridgewater slams the ball for two points.



Northwest  
86-79

Baton Rouge  
93-80

Delta  
92-74

Baton Rouge  
80-76

Delgado  
101-79

Holmes  
84-73

Co-Lin  
55-39

Delgado  
101-96

Delta  
83-80

Holmes  
75-50

MS Gulf Coast  
72-71

SCOREBOARD



Curtis Haynes, Vincent Gable, Devin Flowers, LeMichael Quin, Mikel Henry, Nell Quinn, Cory Lacy, Mark Bridgewater; second row: Adam Ballard, Terry Bridges, Michael Hall, Christopher Lawrence, George Thomas, Casey Carter, Wesley Blackmon, Parker Moore, Joshua Brannon, Tyree McDonald, Thomas Gray.







# Pushing to the Limit

BEARS FOCUS  
ON A WIN

The Southwest Lady Bears overcame poor shooting Monday night by being almost perfect from the free throw line and, in doing so, defeated visiting Delgado 55-48 to close out the 2011 portion of their schedule. Delgado (2-10) jumped out to an early 6-0 lead in the women's game before the Lady Bears roared back to take a 9-8 lead, with 15:54 left in the half, on two of Shanekqua Bibbs free throws.

Southwest then held the lead for most of the half, going up by six, 18-12, with 12:22 on the clock, before the Lady Dolphins came back to take a 25-24 lead with 3:00 before the break. The teams would exchange leads four times the rest of the way before Delgado took a 29-28 advantage into the break.

In the second half, a basket by Bibbs put the Lady Bears up 32-31 with 15:04 on the clock. Southwest later went up by seven,

40-33, on a Cassie Berry basket with 11:34 left in the game.

Delgado would not go away quietly, however, as they came back to tie the game at 42-42 on a Areion Banks three-pointer with 7:41 to play. A Lacey Orr layup with 7:25 then put the Lady Bears back up 44-42 and they would not be headed the rest of the night.

"I thought it was a really good game for our girls to get a victory in the last game of the semester," said Southwest head coach Brad Phillips. "I thought we did a great job defensively and out rebounded them. I'm extremely proud of our effort and focus tonight as a basketball team."

The Lady Bears hit 18 of 22 free throws (82%), including 14 of 18 in the second half (63%) to overcome their 17 of 55 (31%) performance from the field. They out rebounded their opponents 42-34.

-By Michael Gunnell



Karmen Gunn, Rebekah Richard, Alexis Avery, Shaniece Sheffield, Aneshia Dillon, Taylor Williams, Tyeshia Harris; second row: Thomas Gray, Zaterika Fortenberry, Julencia Brown, Shaporah Youngblood, Janessa Reynolds, Sharhae Williams, Lacey Orr, Cassie Berry, Shanekqua Bibbs, Erika Magee, Coach Brad Phillips.

left: Shanekqua Bibbs goes up for two; top right: Rebekah Richard looks for an open teammate.

## SCOREBOARD

Northwest  
73-88

Baton Rouge  
58-77

Delta  
69-64

Baton Rouge  
45-63

Delgado  
57-56

Holmes  
67-82

Co-Lin  
78-72

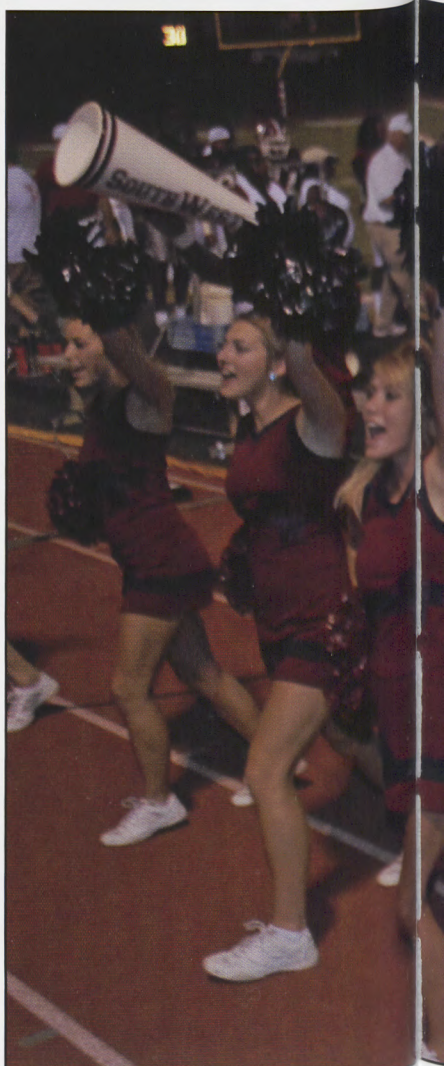
Delgado  
55-48

Delta  
48-82

Holmes  
55-77

Pearl River  
48-69









# /// SPIRIT OF THE BEARS

Southwest football would not have been complete without the cheerleaders there to cheer on fans. With fresh faces and returning veterans, the team was outstanding at working together to lead students, faculty, and parents in cheering on the Bears.

The cheerleaders could be found practicing every day of the week to make sure they would be ready for the first football game of the season. The week of the first game, which was a home game, the

cheerleaders pumped everyone up at a pep rally. Students and faculty alike enjoyed the performance and were ready to show their Bear spirit at the game. Before the game, the cheerleaders were out at the tailgating event, where they performed cheers and awesome stunts to prepare the crowd even more for a great game. The cheerleaders were a great hit for Southwest Bear fans and made the games more spirited for everyone.

-By Mary-Allyn Foster



top left: Ziebol DaBear, Alisa Mote, Victoria Price, Nickeysha Nathaniel, Jessica Agnor, Derek Magee, and Ethan Young build a pyramid; top middle: Haley Mann cheers; top right: Alisa Mote smiles as the fans cheer with the Bear; above: Lyderious Isaac, Justin Dyar, Logan Conerly, and Derek Magee run onto the field with flags; bottom middle: Haley Mann, Kayla Fitzgerald, Jessica Agnor, Chelsea Causey and Alisa Mote chant "Bear Fans Stand Up and Clap your Hands!"; bottom left: Kayla Jones, Jessica Agnor, Victoria Price, Chelsea Causey, Nickeysha Nathaniel, Alisa Mote, Hannah Holmes, Kayla Fitzgerald, and Morgan Shockley; second row: Derek Magee, Lyderious Isaac, Ethan Young, Haley Mann, Justin Dyar, Logan Conerly, Brian Pittman, Devin Hughes, Dawn Brumfield, advisor.





Front row: Chris Coddling, Elliot Zalazinsk, Conor Weiman, Dustin Lozano, Paul Williams, Jacob Bourne.  
 Second row: Drew Gallanif, Brandon Johnson, Cody Mills, Dawson Flowers, Travon Gaddis, Derek Weiss,  
 Gabriel Imbratene, Cameron James, Austin Lopez.





## MEN'S SOCCER focuses on playoffs

Southwest men's soccer team started the season off great, winning their alumni game. The team players were from all over the Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas area. The Bears struggled this year, but they kept fighting and never gave up. Bears pulled off a win against Co-Lin in over-time. This year the Bears only had one returning sophomore Dustin Lozano

with freshmen making up the rest of the team. The team welcomed new head Coach Drew Gallant, as one of their own. The bears have a bright future ahead of them next year. "Being competitive is not the issue. We just have to focus on the playoffs. I'm optimistic.", stated Coach Drew Gallant.

--By Amber Smith



opposite page top left: Derek Weiss closes in on an opposing player; opposite page left middle: Paul Williams sizes up the competition on the field; opposite page bottom left: Derek Weiss and Chris Coddling fight an opposing player for possession of the ball; opposite page top right: Cody Mills battles for the jump ball; top right: Connor Weiman focuses on the ball before making the move; left; Dustin Lazano stretches for the ball. top right: Chris Coddling keeps the ball for the Southwest Bears.









# WOMEN'S SOCCER

"program on the right track."  
--Coach Gallant

**S**MCC's Lady Bears first win was against Holmes with a 3-2 victory.

Bria Jackson and Jana Cooper both scored in the first 10:00 of the game to put the Lady Bears on top 2-0 in the opening game. Rachel Cox scored the game-winning goal at 57:00, with an assist from Bria Jackson, to move the

Lady Bears to 1-2 on the season. With three returning players and a new head coach, Drew Gallant said, "This may be just what Southwest needs to get the program on the right track." The team completed the season with a positive attitude and determined to work hard for the next season.

--By Amber Smith

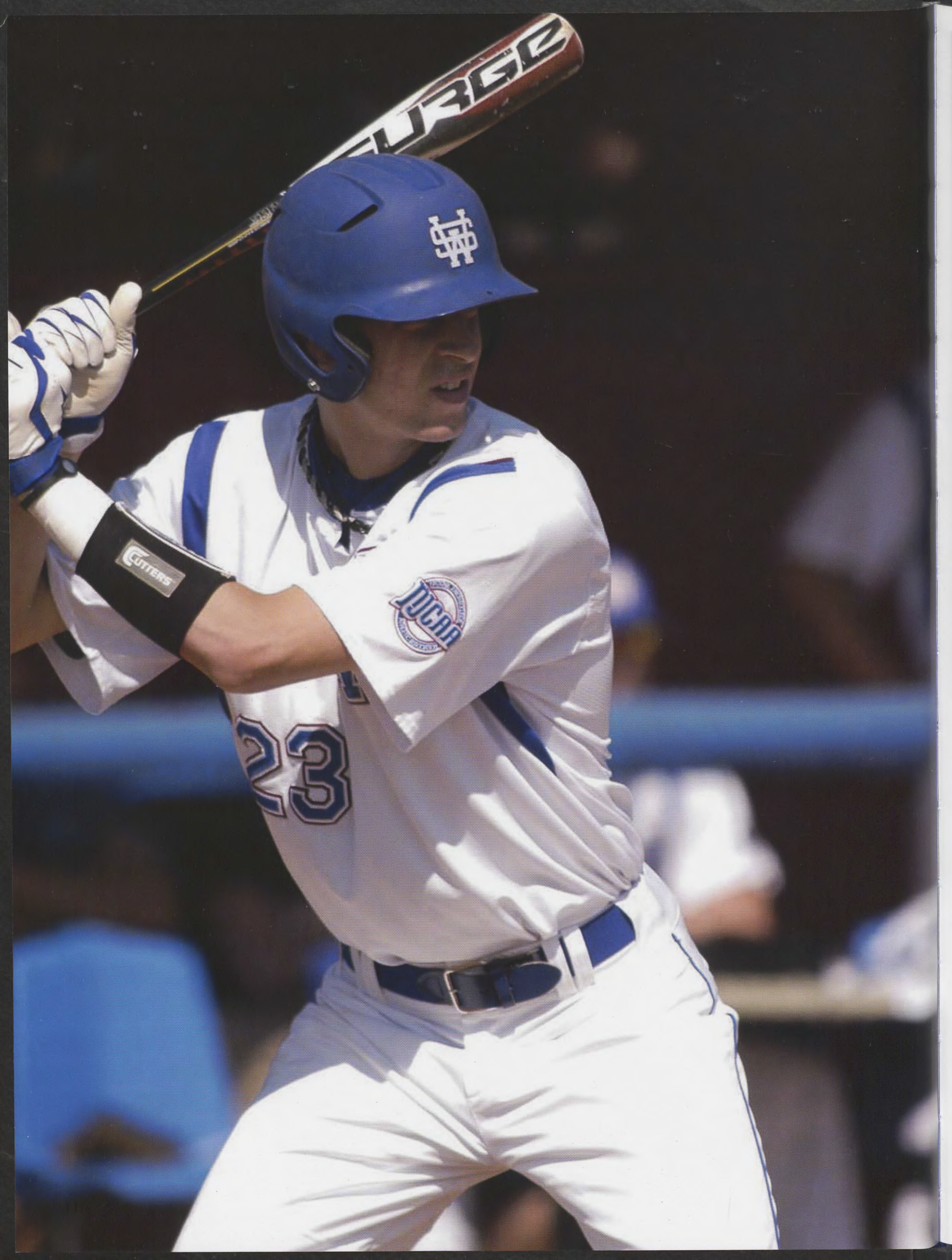


Katelyn Doyle, Courtney Palisi, Jana Cooper, Emily Wood, Ashlyn Dearman, Bria Jackson; second row: Drew Gallant, Women's Head Coach; Casey Brumfield, Rachel Cox, Haley Roalson, Taylor Kelly, Elizabeth Stout, Megan Coney, Casey Lyle



opposite page: Haley Roalson boots the ball down field; top: Courtney Palisi passes to a teammate; middle: Casey Brumfield weaves through the defense; bottom left: Jana Cooper looks to score a goal.









# Batters MOVE FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE

**A**s the 2012 Southwest Mississippi Community College baseball season kicked off, head coach Lee Kuyrkendall was happy when he looked at his roster and saw almost as many freshmen as sophomores. The large sophomore class picked up a great deal of experience last season with nine of the position players starting at least once. The eight sophomore pitchers all spent time on the mound with four of them being in the starting rotation at different points in the year. For some clubs, having that much experience in the sophomore class was usually enough to ensure a good year.

But, what was most exciting was the fact that there were quite a few freshmen who should be heavy contributors to the Bears' success, both in the field and on the mound. "We finally have a good balance in numbers of sophomores vs. freshmen," Kuyrkendall said. "Hopefully now that will continue to be the case as we move forward over the next few years. We know that type of balance can really help in maintaining a consistent and successful program." Southwest's schedule was loaded with stiff competition outside of the Division matchups, with a trip to always-tough Baton Rouge Community College to start the season.

- By Charles Carr

opposite page: Darron McKigney focuses on the pitcher before hitting a homerun; top left: Jody Lampton throws a strike to the Co-Lin batter.



Jeffery Courville, Jared Fiorito, Jawon Jackson, Brandon Austin, Austin Terrell, German Hays, Wes Gill, Matthew Farrar, Alex Marshall, Luke Gipson, Zach Rowell; second row: Chris Gill, Clint McDaniel, Jason Milton, Chase Ward, Tyler Kendrick, Shelby Johnson, Courtney Forbes, Aaron Moore, Kade Scivicque, Bradley Smith, Chase Wilkins, Wes Nunnery; third row: Conner Goodspeed, Jake Martin, Tyler Parvin, Chance Schmidt, Jody Lampton, Trey Setzer, Darron McKigney Aaron Ellzey, Lee Atwood, Johnny McKenzie, Kendric Hodges



# Swinging for the Fence

"PLAYERS  
HAVE TO  
PERFORM"

Though short on numbers this year, head softball coach Patsy Sandifer was not treating the upcoming season any differently than normal. The twelve players on her roster this year still "have to perform," she said. "Whether you have twenty or twelve players, you have the same expectations you always have. We're kind of focused on the individual and try to strengthen her weaknesses, use her talents."

The Lady Bears depended heavily on their pitching and leading the way was freshman Rachel Smith. Sandifer said Smith "is our go-to pitcher and we're preparing her for that. She's a high-quality pitcher with good movement. She's a

smart pitcher, who's gotten stronger and faster since she's been here, and will do anything we ask. She's as good as any pitcher in the South Division."

Also handling pitching chores was freshman Emily Booth. "She's improved tremendously since she's been here," Sandifer said. Sandifer said Booth "provided help defensively in the outfield, on the mound, and at the plate."

Leading the way for Southwest on the infield was returnee Tipheri Grimes an All-South player in 2011. "She can play anywhere we need her to," Sandifer said, "but, we're trying to focus on the infield."

- By Charles Carr



top right: Grace Bravata anxiously waits for the pitch;  
opposite page: Camden Graham catches the ball for an out at home plate.

SOFTBALL TEAM



Tipheri Grimes, Katie Allen, Brittany Baughman, Mandie Szigeti, Brooke Szigeti; second row: Coach Patsy Sandifer, Camden Graham, Emily Booth, Anissia Franklin, Aseye Attipoe, Rachel Smith, Victoria Price, Grace Bravata, Manager Alex Paulk.

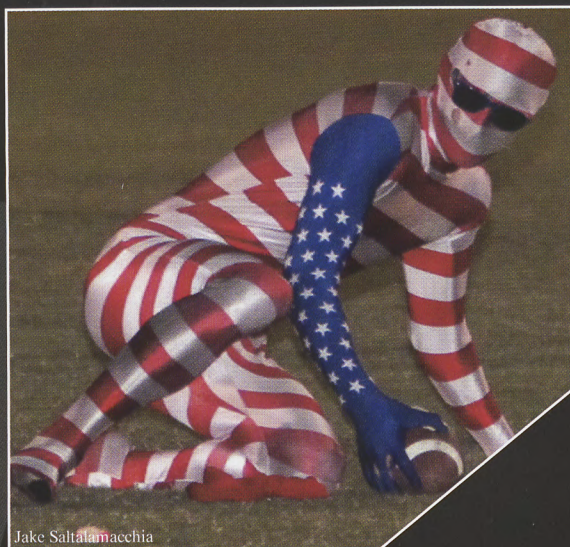








Vishal Kaushal



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Austin Sullivan and The Smurfettes



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# SOUTHWEST





# People



# /// President Steve Bishop





Dr. Steve Bishop became SMCC's eighth president by a unanimous vote from the Board of Trustees. President Bishop stated, "I am excited and humbled about being selected Southwest Mississippi Community College's president and look to continue the excellence that is expected from this college. I am very fortunate to be a part of the Southwest family, and I look forward to this new role at the college. Southwest has an established group of dedicated employees, and together we will continue to provide quality education for the students of this community, state, and region."

Dr. Bishop began his career at SMCC as an instructor in 1992. He is a 1988 graduate of Southwest Mississippi Junior College, earned a B.S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master's of Arts from Southeastern Louisiana University. He received his PhD in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1997. Bishop, a native of Gillsburg, MS, is the son of Barbara Blount Bishop and the late Curtis Bishop. He is married to Dr. Melanie Hammill Bishop of Poplarville, MS. They are the parents of four children, Katherine, Ruth, and twins, Arthur and Eleanor.

When asked how he felt about his presidency he replied "It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as president here at Southwest. We have a long tradition of excellence and I

am fortunate to have the opportunity to help ensure quality instruction and programs for our students. I am blessed to work here with so many outstanding educators."

President Bishop stated that his "vision for Southwest Mississippi Community College is that Southwest will continue to focus on student needs and Southwest will continue to be a premier place to teach and learn. We must also seek direction from our community that we serve. With this vision comes much planning and hard work from our dedicated employees. As we see growth in student enrollment, our physical plant will also see growth. I feel that there will be needs, which include office space for faculty, classrooms, and campus housing."



opposite page: President Bishop is pictured with his family Ruth Bishop, Katherine Bishop, Arthur Bishop, Eleanor Bishop, and wife Melanie Bishop; top right: President Bishop works at his desk; middle right: President Bishop enjoys the fun during the homecoming cookout with LeAnna Hill and Lacey Orr; above: Lacey Orr, President Bishop, Charles Carr, and Jody Lampton attend the Student Voices Luncheon at the Mississippi Senate Chambers; right: President Bishop creates the President's Circle which meets regularly to discuss student affairs. Members are the following: Ashley Wofford, Chelsey Causey, Mytchiko McKenzie, Rachel Cox, Mary Allyn Foster, Kayla Boyd, Kaitlin Nettles, Amber Smith, Emily Wicker, Brooklyn Westmoreland, Cara Corbin; back row, Parker Moore, Prochorous Lewis, Satin Pierce, Hayden Wallace, Aseye Attipoe, Charles Carr, Taylor Polk, and President Bishop.



# Board of Trustees serve Southwest.

**S**eventeen men and women from all occupations make up the members of the SMCC Board of Trustees. Although there is a State Board of Community and Junior Colleges, each two-year college in Mississippi also has a local board of trustees. These boards provide guidance and oversee

decisions made for each particular college. The SMCC board members come from the four-county district, which includes Pike, Amite, Walthall, and Wilkinson counties. The members represent a cross-section of backgrounds in business, industry and education.



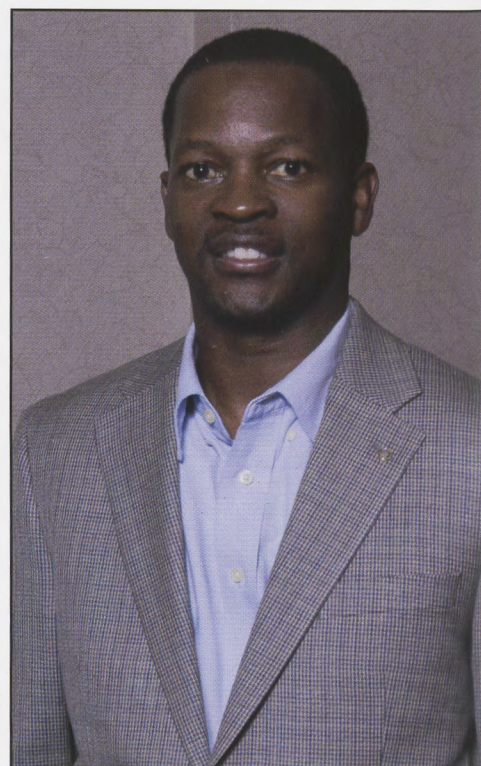
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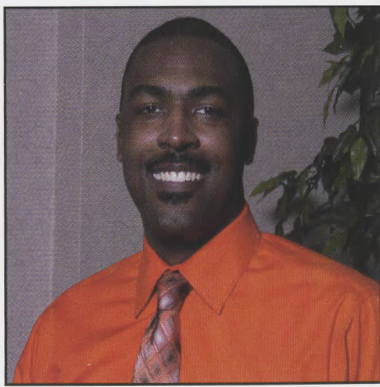


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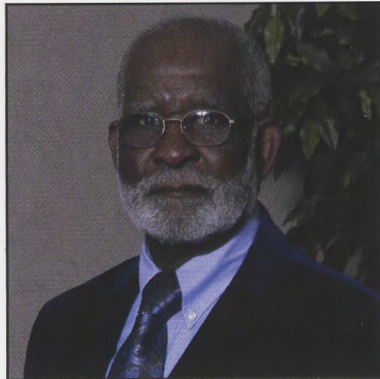
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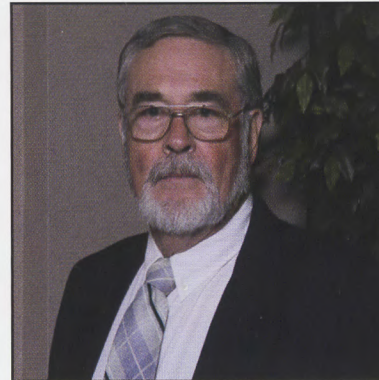
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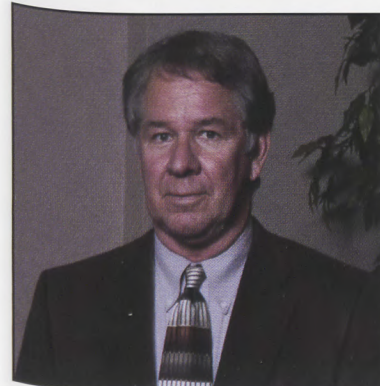
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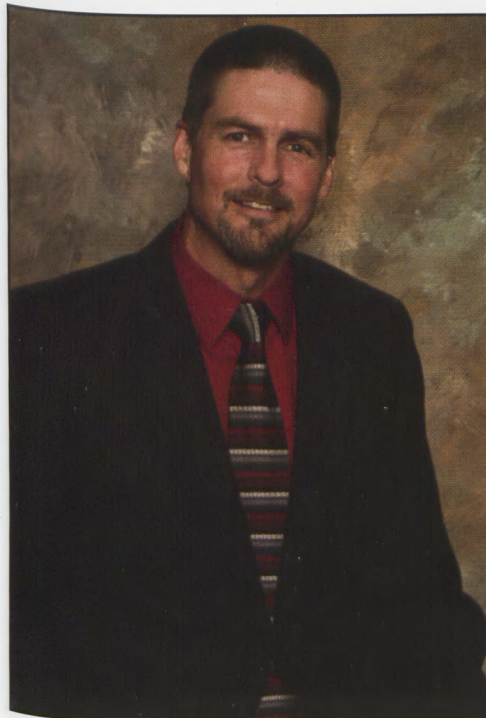
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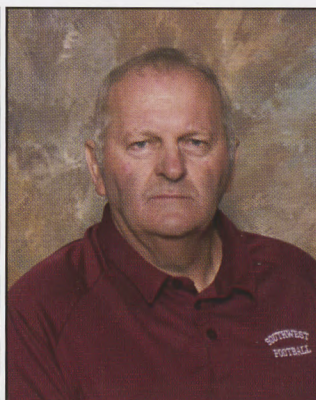


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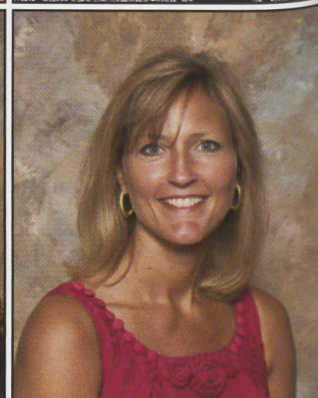
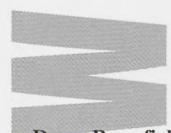


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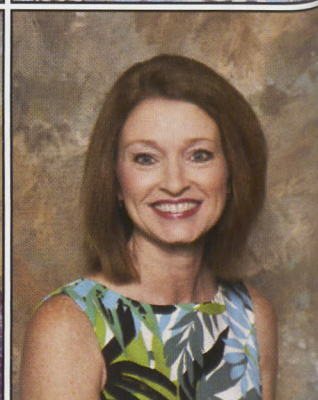
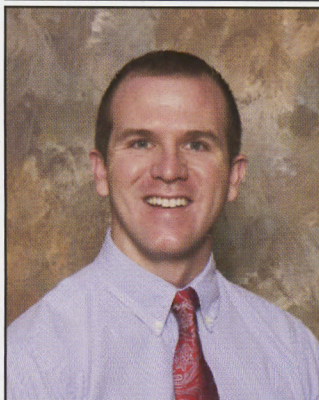
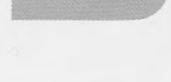
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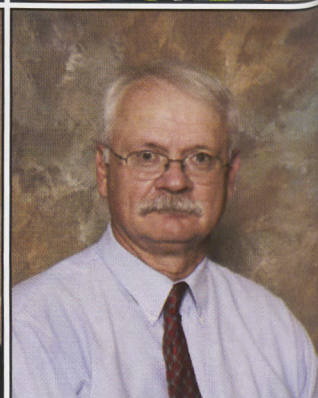
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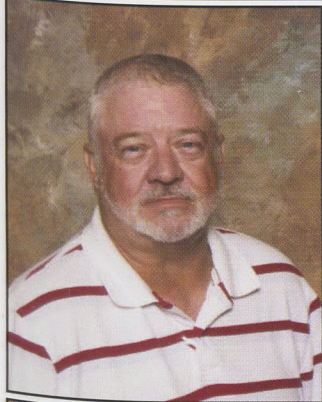




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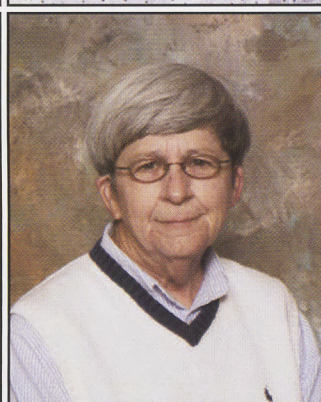
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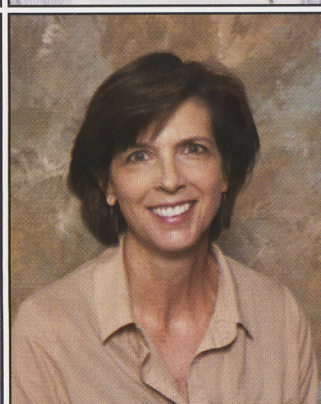
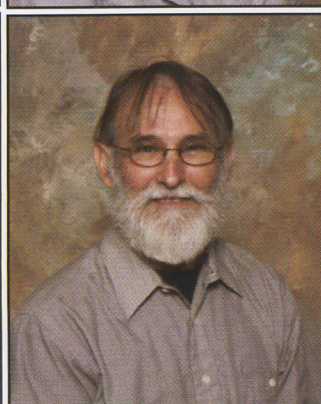
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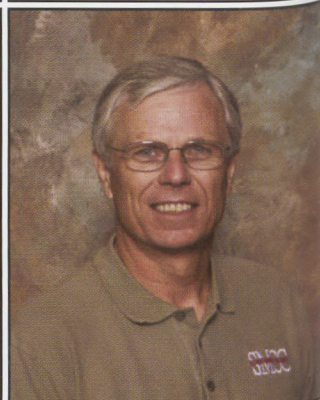
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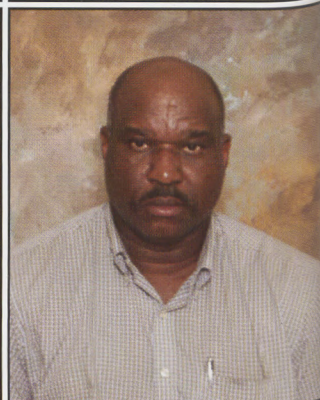
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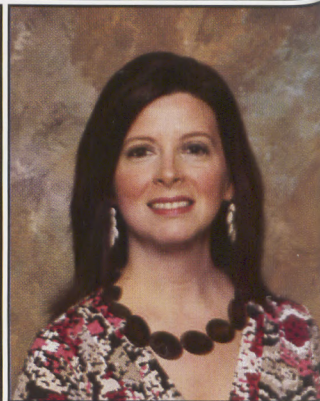
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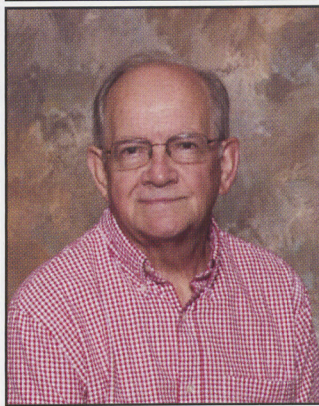
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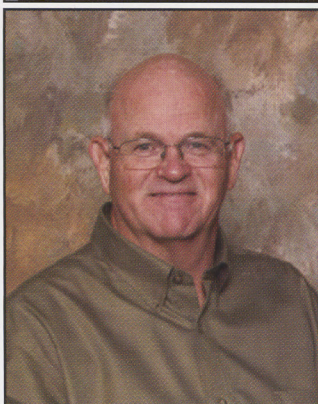
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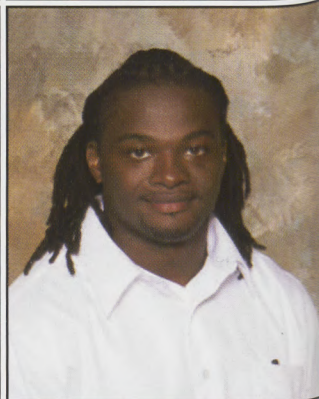
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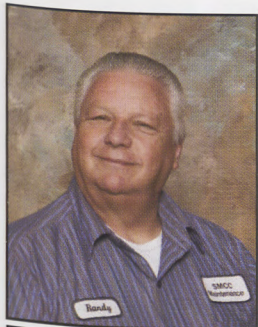
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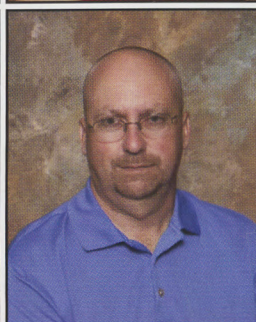
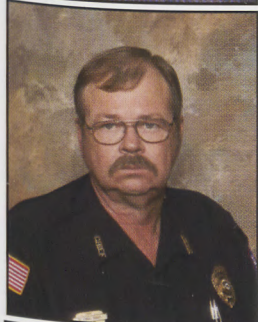




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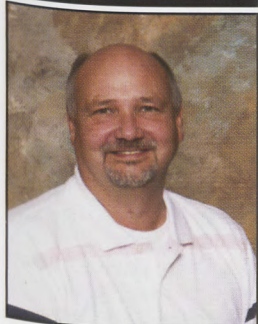
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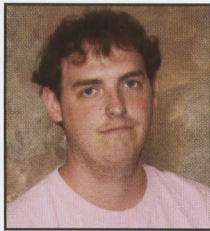
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# WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES



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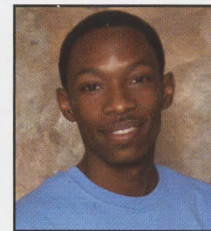
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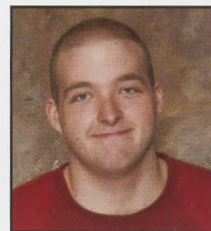
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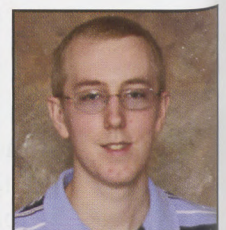
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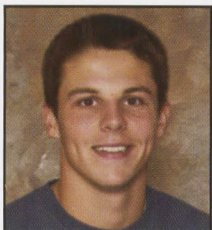
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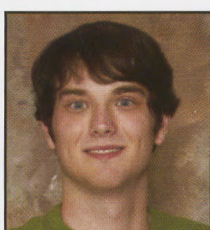
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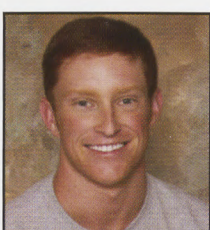
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Chet Wilson



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Marika Zarafyan

Not pictured: Debra Anderson, Casey Brumfield, Karen Bullock, Sarah Beth Furr, Cindy Hart, Debra Harvey, Shelby Johnson, Johnny McKenzie, Kellie Reagan, Justin Rushing, David Setzer, Lisa Simmons, Michael Wells, and Kay Wilson



# HEADWAE



**Pete Ferguson**



**Rachel Cox**

**T**he Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence or HEADWAE is a program of the Mississippi Legislature, sponsored by the state's corporate community, and coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. Each year HEADWAE honors an outstanding faculty member and an outstanding student from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.

Honorees this year from Southwest Mississippi Community College are Pete Ferguson, Chemistry Instructor and Sophomore Rachel Cox.

Pete Ferguson has been a member of the SMCC Math and Science Division as chemistry instructor since June, 2003. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a B.S. in chemistry and an M.S. in science education with a chemistry emphasis including one year of polymer science graduate studies. He is

married to the former Mandy Wall of Denham Springs, LA.

Rachel Cox is the daughter of David and Dale Cox of Meadville. Rachel is a graduate of Franklin County High School. At Southwest, Rachel was chosen as a Sophomore Maid for the 2011 Homecoming Court. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Organization, Tri-Beta Honor Society, and Bear Trackers. Rachel is the Baptist Student Union President and is a member of the BSU leadership team. She also serves as the Student Government Association Vice President. Rachel plays soccer and is the team's captain and received the General Chemistry Award last year. She was recently selected to Southwest's Hall of Fame. Rachel is majoring in physical therapy at Southwest and plans to continue her education at Mississippi State University.



# Hall of Fame



## Rachel Cox

**R**achel Cox is the daughter of David and Dale Cox of Meadville. Rachel is a graduate of Franklin County High School where she was Salutatorian, a member of FHS Hall of Fame and Athletic Hall of Fame, Beta Club, Spanish Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Rachel was also All-District in soccer, and she played tennis. Rachel is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Organization, Tri-Beta Honor Society, and Bear Trackers. She is the Baptist

Student Union President and is a member of the BSU leadership team. She also serves as the Student Government Association Vice President. Rachel plays soccer and is the team's captain and received the General Chemistry Award last year. She was recently selected HEADWAE Outstanding Student of the Year and Hall of Fame. Rachel is majoring in physical therapy and plans to continue her education at Mississippi State University. She attends Meadville United Methodist Church.



## Sarah Beth Furr

**S**arah Beth Furr is the daughter of Albert and Lisa Furr of McComb. Sarah Beth is a graduate of North Pike High School. At Southwest, Sarah Beth was a freshman maid on the 2010 Homecoming Court, served as Secretary for the Student Government Association, was a Diamond Girl for Southwest's baseball team, and is an active member of the Baptist Student Union, where she is on the Leadership and Drama Teams. Sarah Beth is a member of Southwest's

choir, school play, and is in the color guard. She has served on several mission trips through the BSU and the North American Mission Board including one to China and one to Chicago. Sarah Beth plans to further her education at Mississippi College and plans to become a missionary. She attends New Heights Baptist Church where she serves as a small group leader in her youth group.



# Hall of Fame



## Lacey Orr

**L**acey Orr is the daughter of Mike and Lisa Jarancik and Troy & Brenda Orr of Brookhaven. Lacey graduated from Enterprise Attendance Center. At Southwest, Lacey was chosen as Student Body Maid for the 2011 Homecoming Court. She served as Freshman Class President, was named 2010-2011 Campus Most Beautiful, and was a freshman homecoming maid. Lacey is President of Southwest's Tri Beta Honor Society, Secretary of the Student Government

Association, and Regional Reporter for Phi Theta Kappa. She is a member of Student Voices, the Baptist Student Union Leadership Team and plays on the Lady Bear Basketball team. Lacey plans to continue her education at the University of Southern Mississippi. She attends Heucksretreat Baptist Church.




## Joseph Papisan

**J**oseph Yuhan Papisan is the son of Osie and Procila Papisan of Summit, MS. Joseph graduated from Bogue Chitto High School in 2009 where he was a member of the Beta Club, newspaper staff, academic team, and Hall of Fame. He was also voted Most Friendly and Star Student at Bogue Chitto. Joseph is an active member of Future Educators of America, Phi Theta Kappa, the *Pine Burr* newspaper staff, and Scholars Bowl. He is a member of the *Whispering Pines* yearbook

staff and received second place in the cartoon division at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference in Jackson, MS, which was sponsored by the Mississippi Press Association. Joseph is majoring in English and hopes to become a teacher. He plans to continue his education at the University of Southern Mississippi.



A full-length portrait of a young man with light brown, wavy hair, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a dark navy blue suit jacket over a blue dress shirt and a blue and white striped tie. His hands are in his pockets, and he is standing outdoors with a blurred background of trees and a path.

Mr. SMCC  
John David  
Montgomery





Miss SMCC  
Chelsey  
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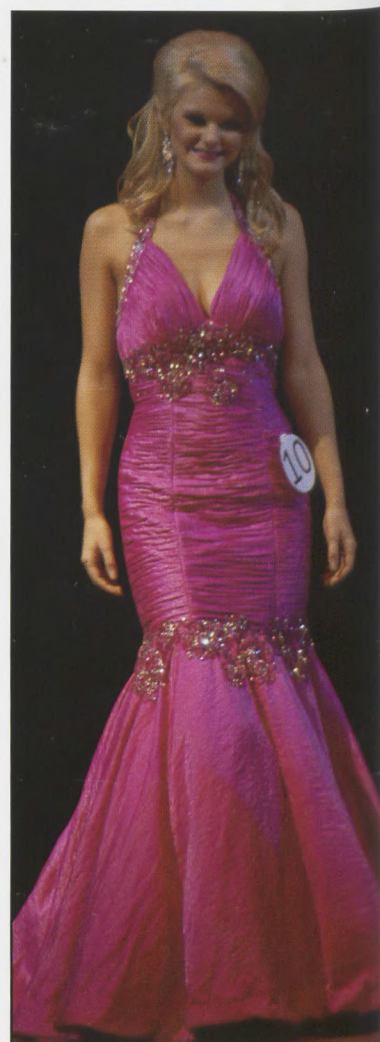
# "Parade of Beauties"

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BROWN AS MOST  
BEAUTIFUL

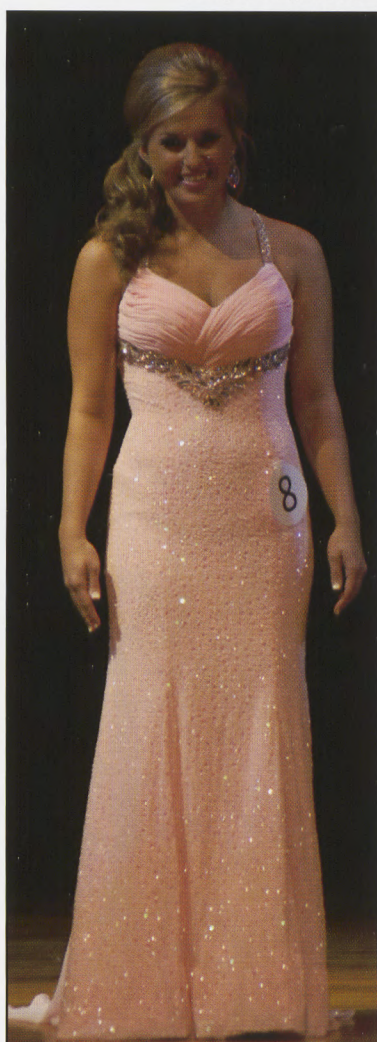
**P**arade of Beauties was held on October 18, 2011, under the direction of Anthony Britt, Pat Young, Bill Ashley, and the SMCC Student Government Association. With the participation of twenty-three young ladies, the Third Parade of Beauties was a great success. The event was held in the Alyene and Adene Hurst Auditorium/ Fine Arts Building. The crowd was welcomed in attendance by Student Government Association president, Charles Carr. Joe Elliott and Amy Gazzo emceed the event, and Satin Pierce,

Matt Smith, and Josh King entertained the audience. During the program, the winners of recent Who's Who elections, SMCC beaus, and Mr. SMCC were announced and presented with a certificate given by Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs. The twenty-three ladies modeled on stage, then the top ten beauties were selected. The top five beauties and the Most Beautiful were selected from the top ten. Andre' El Brown was crowned Most Beautiful by last year's winner, Lacey Orr.

By Shelby Green



"THE PAGEANT WAS A LOT OF FUN AND WAS THE TOUGHEST PAGEANT I'VE BEEN IN BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY BEAUTIFUL GIRLS."  
— LAUREN ALCOIN



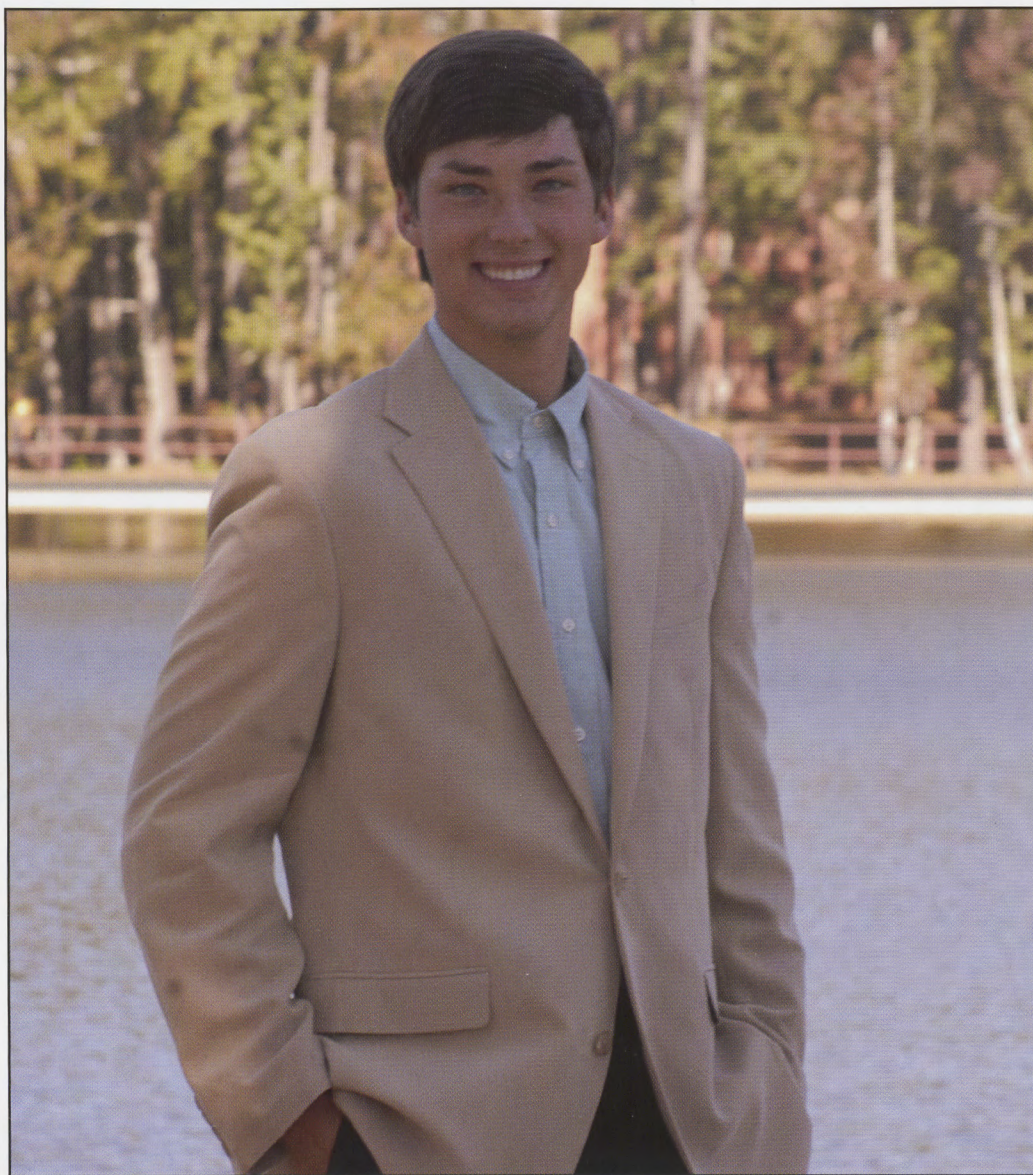
Top five beauties: top left: Jessica Agnor, Beauty; top right: Shelby Green, Beauty; bottom left: Alisa Mote, Beauty; bottom middle: Teneeya Naylor, Beauty; bottom right: Brittany Sterling, Beauty. opposite page: Andre'El Brown, Most Beautiful



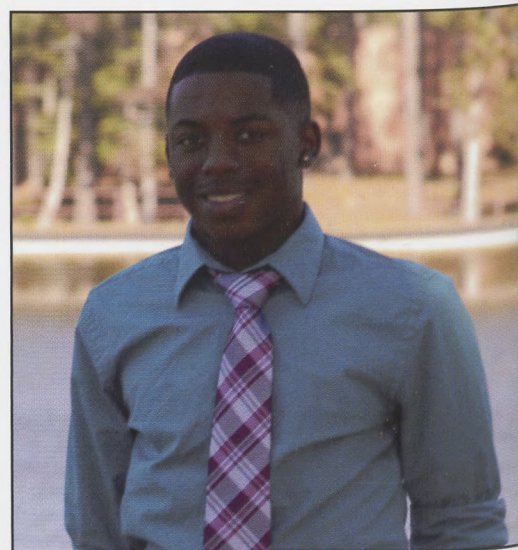




# MOST HANDSOME AND BEAUS



**Ken Wicker**



**Kirkland Ford**



**Jason Milton**



**Austin Terrell**



**Matt Smith**



**Tyler Parvin**



# CAMPUS FAVORITES



**Charles Carr**



**Lacey Orr**



# SOPHOMORE FAVORITES



**Shannon Buie**



**Sarah Beth Furr**



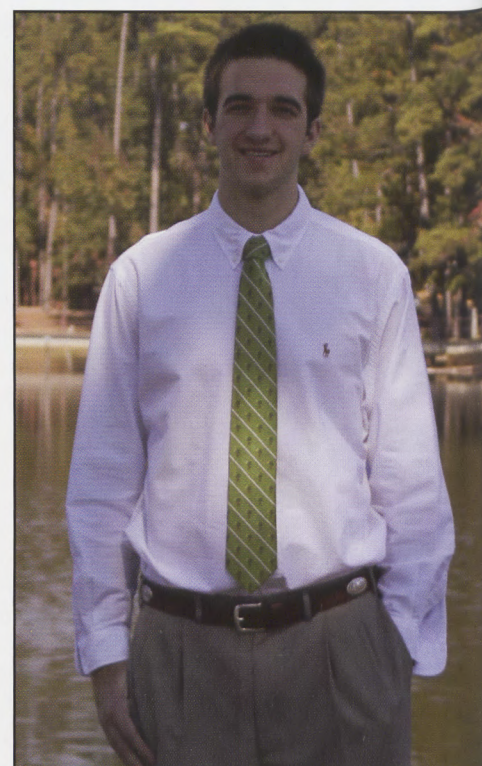
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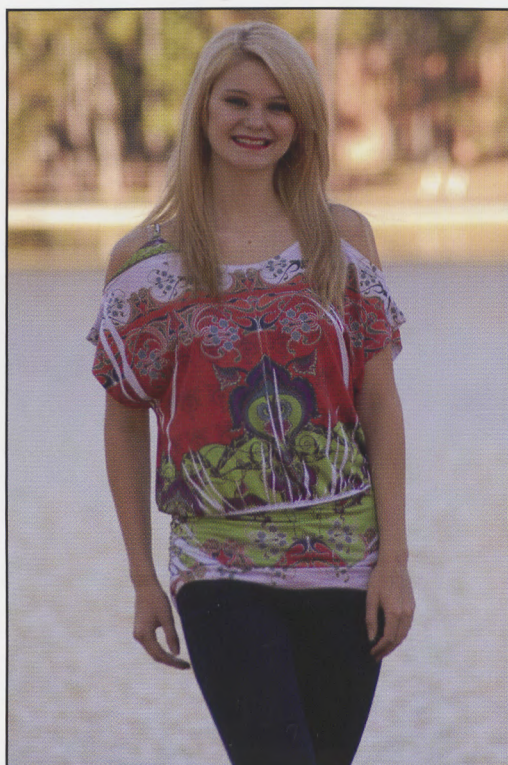
**Parker Moore**



# FRESHMAN FAVORITES



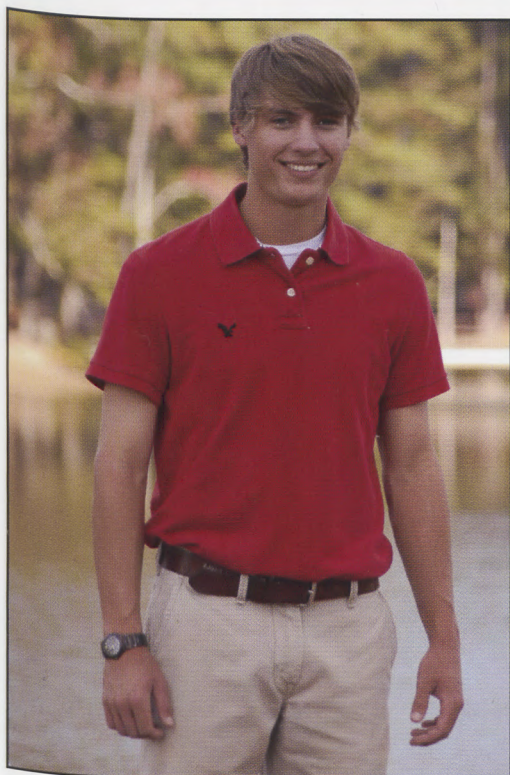
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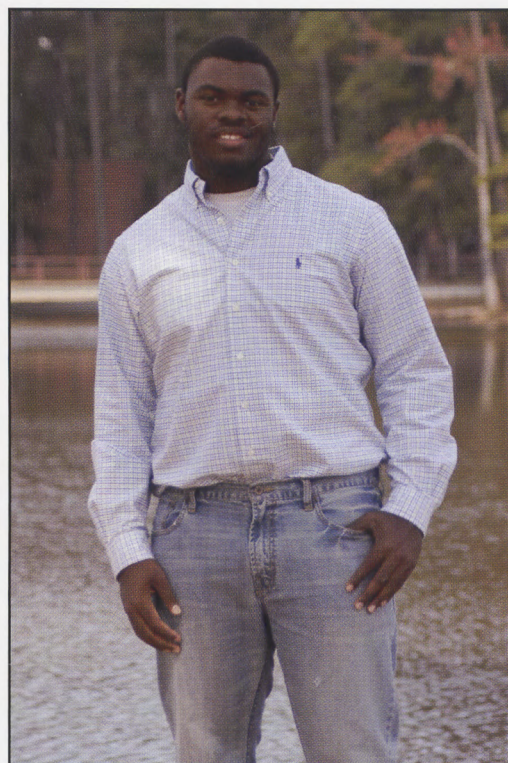
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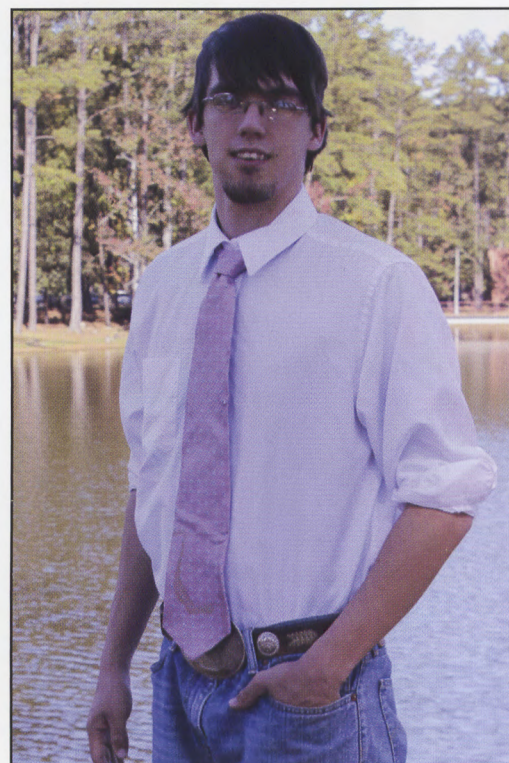
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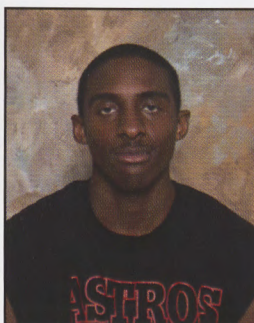
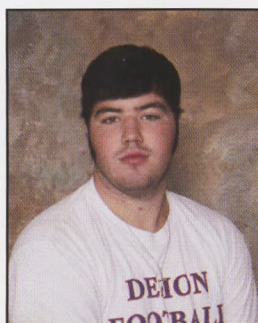


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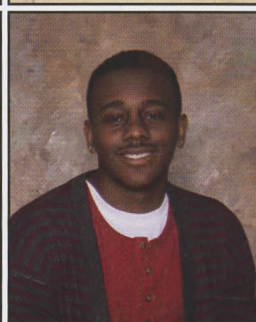
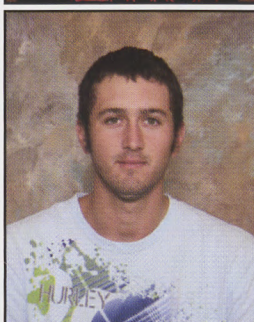
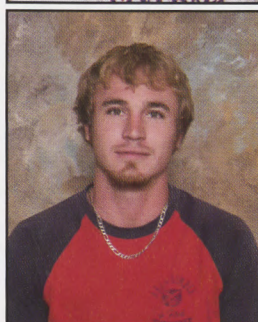


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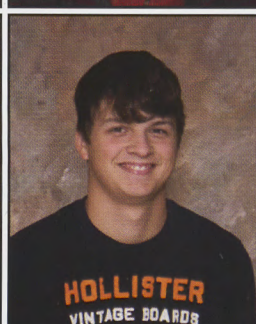
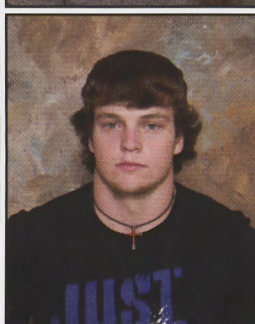
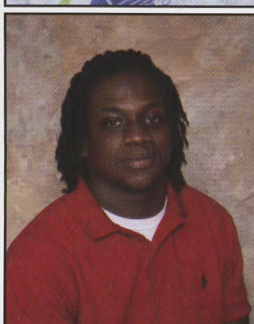
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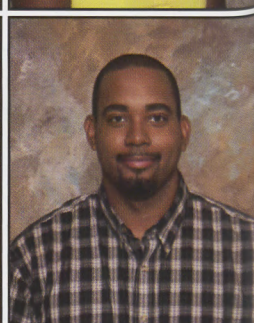
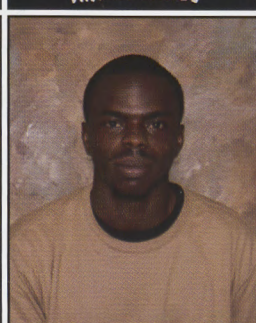
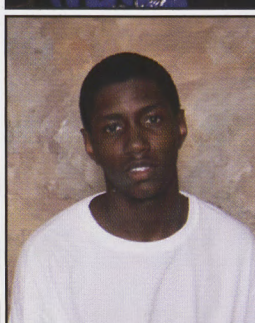
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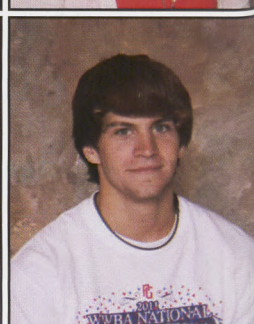
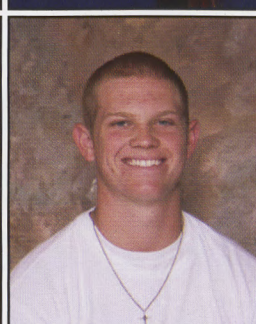
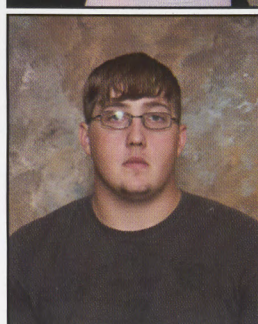
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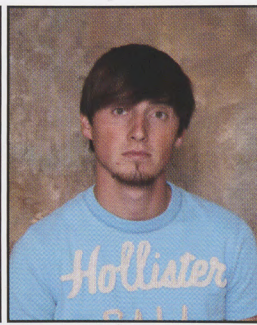
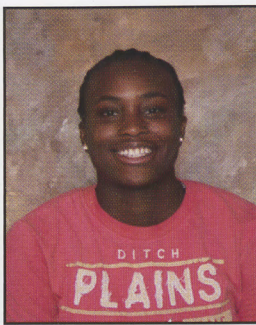
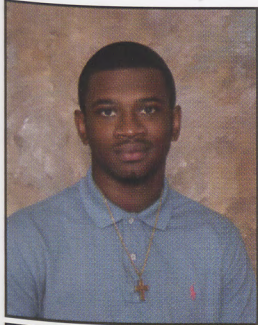


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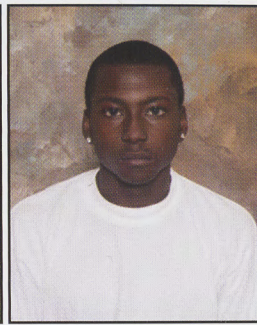
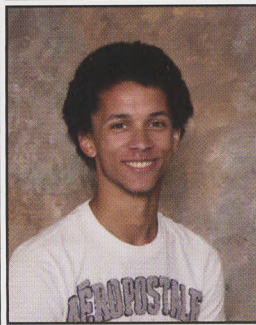




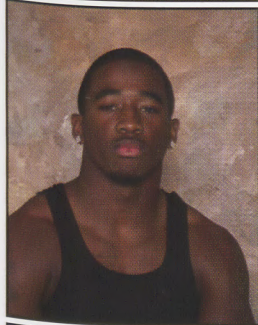
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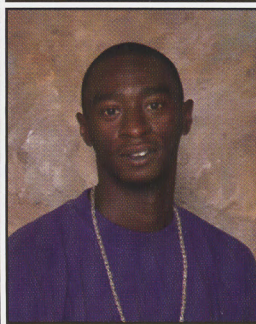
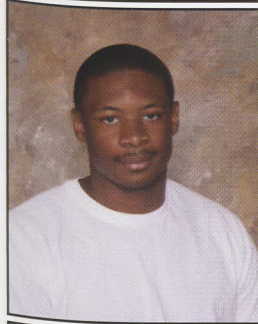
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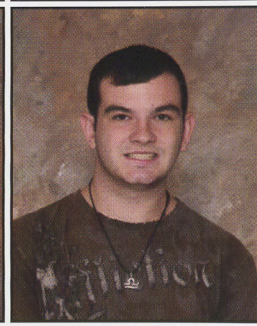
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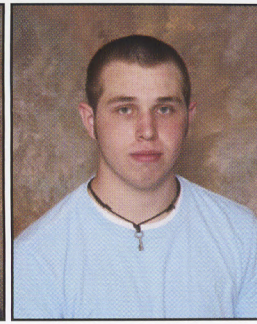
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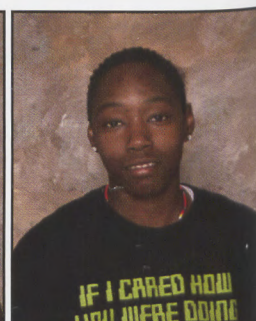
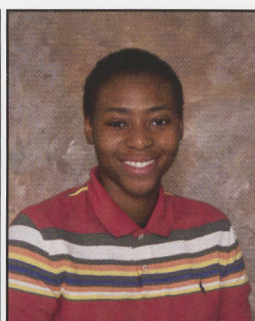
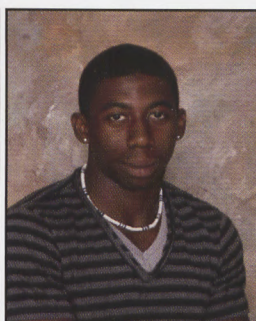


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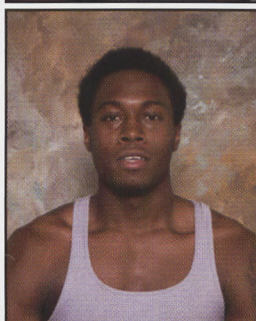


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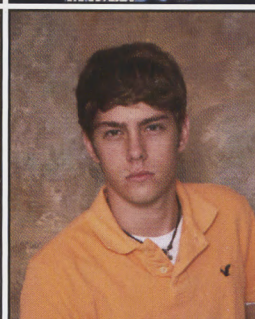
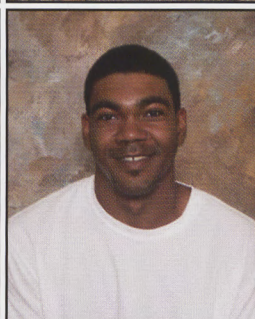
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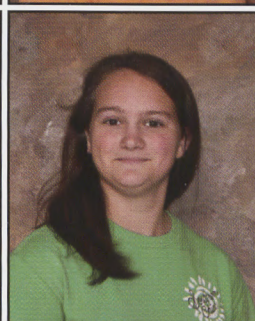
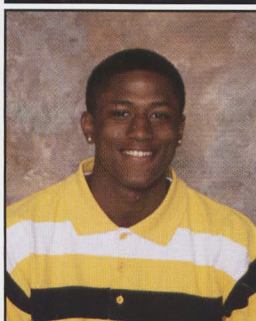
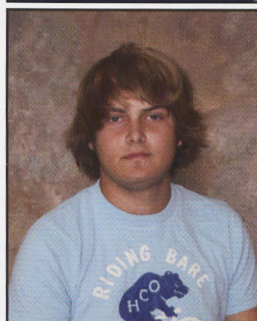
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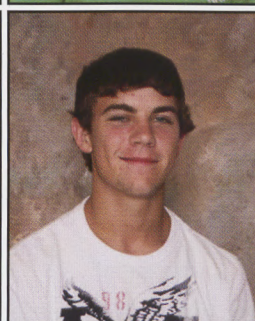
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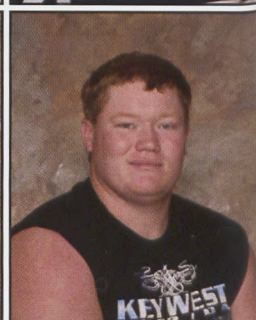
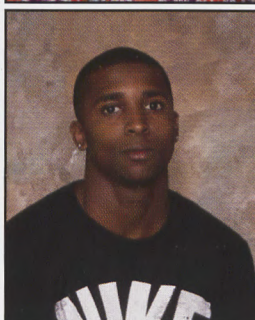
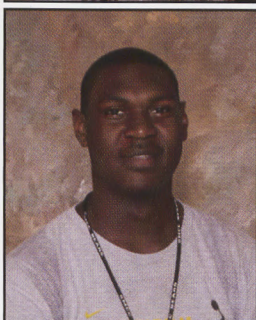
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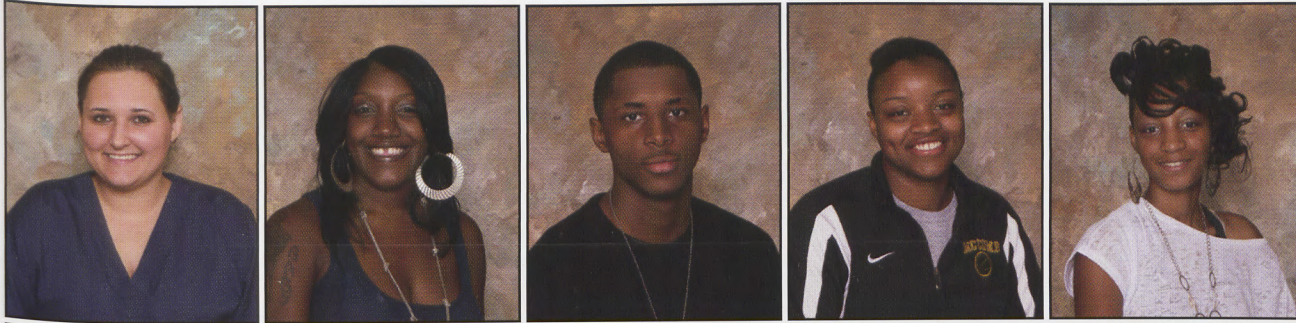


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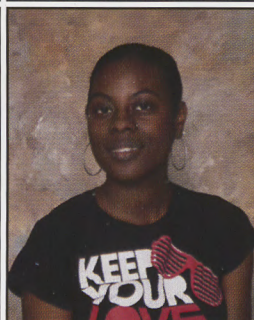
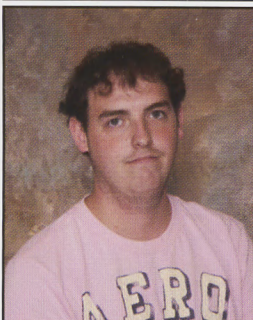
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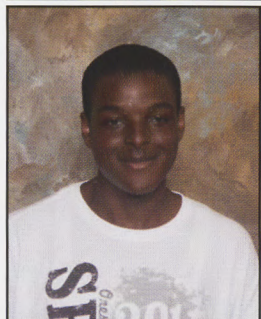
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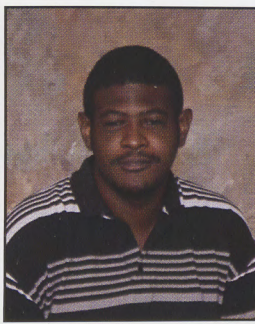
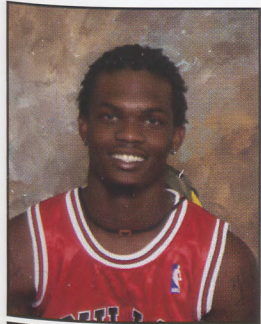


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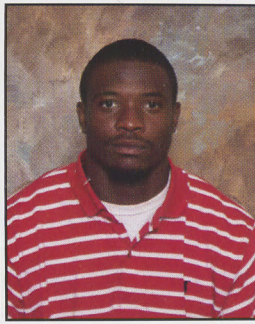




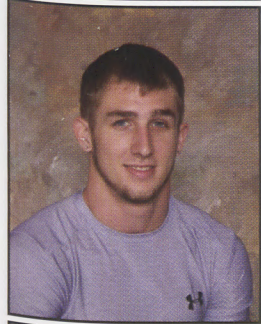
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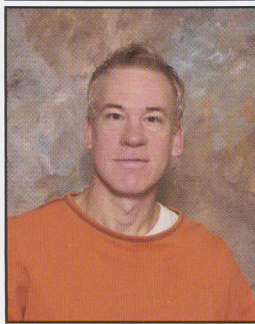
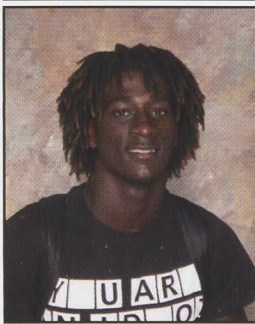
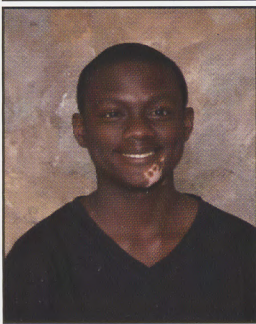
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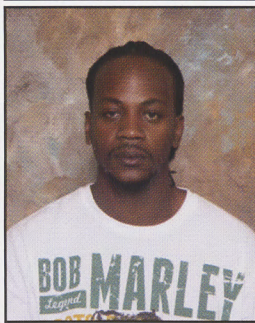
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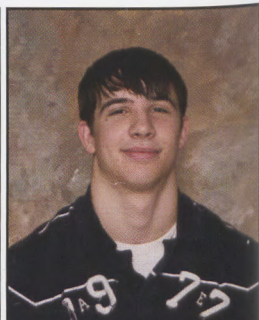


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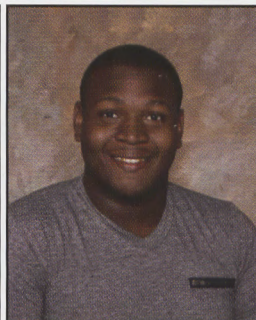
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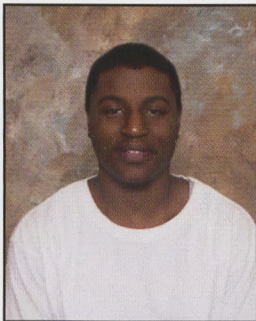
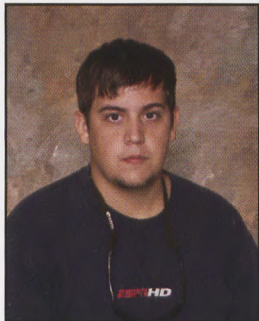
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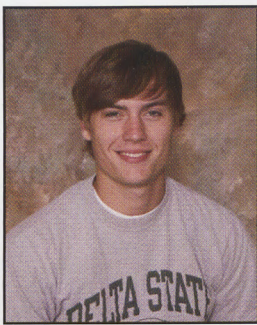
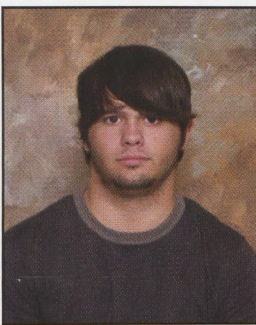
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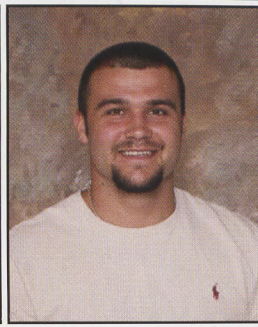
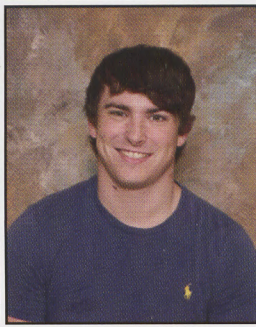
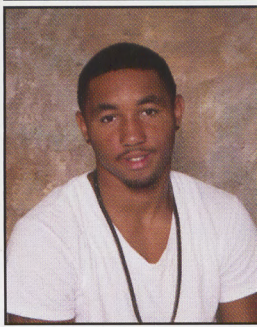
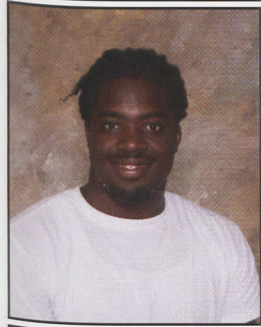
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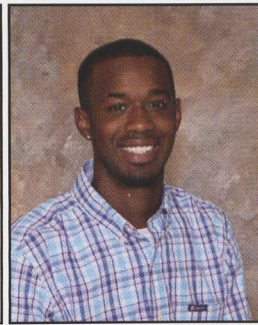
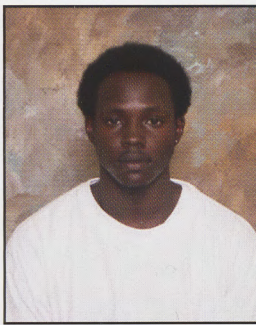




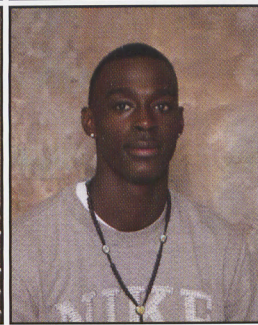
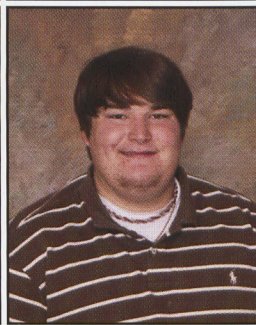
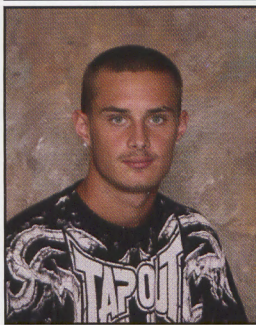
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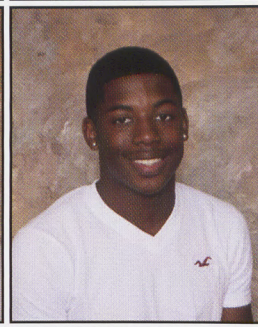
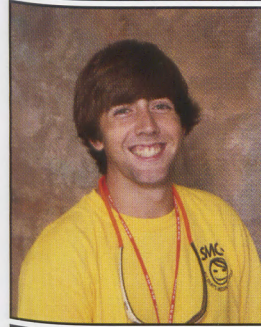
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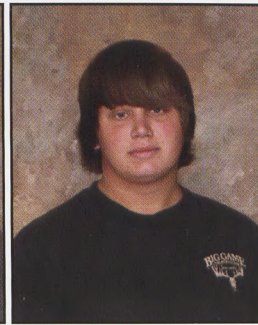
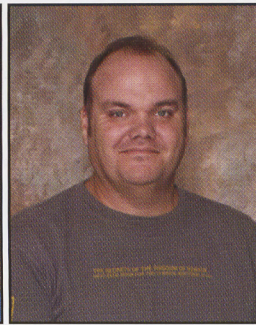
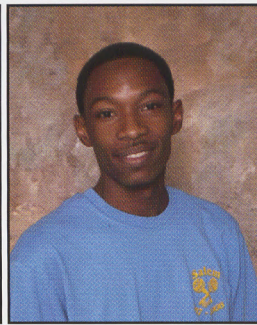
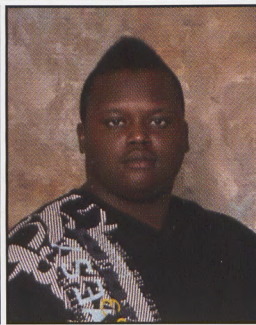
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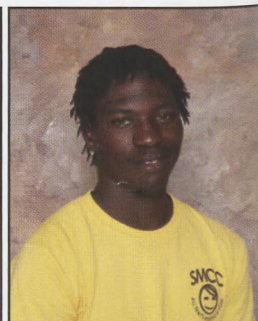
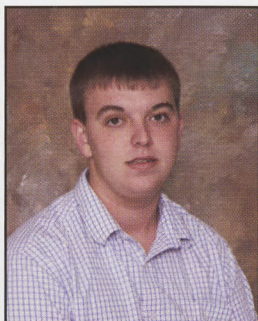
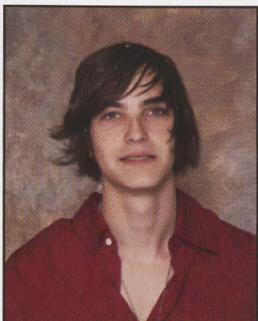


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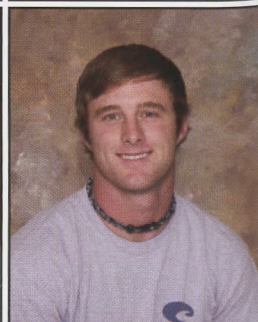
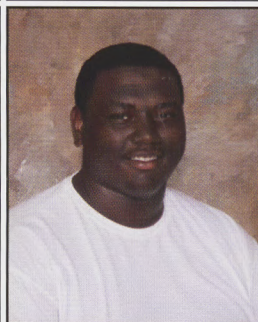
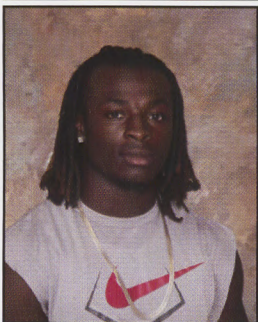
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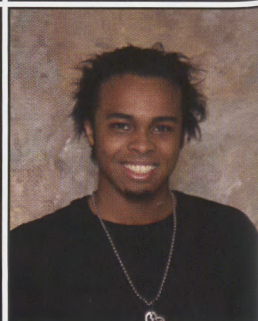
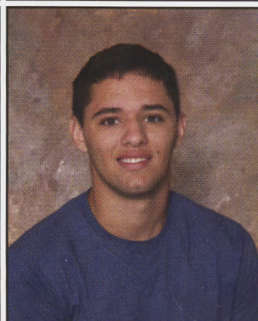
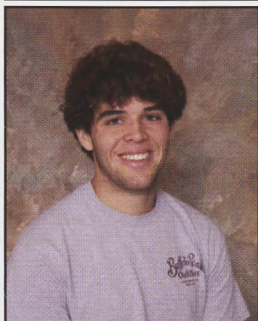
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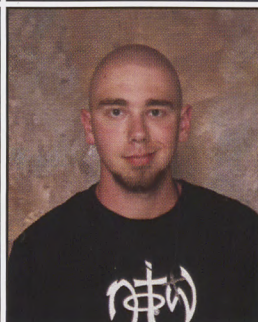
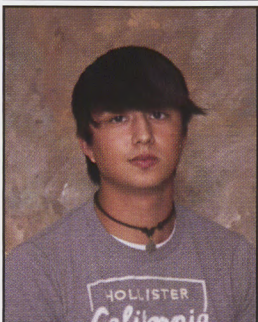
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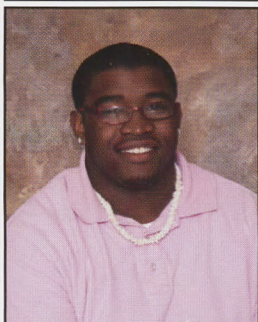
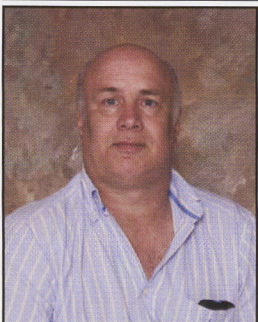
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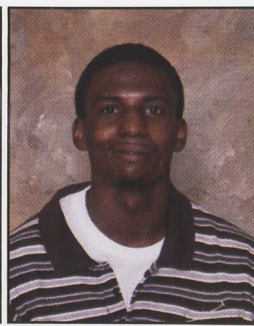
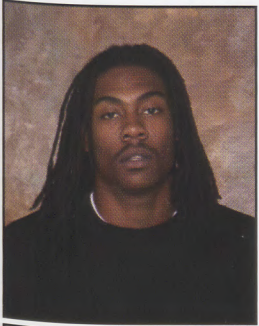


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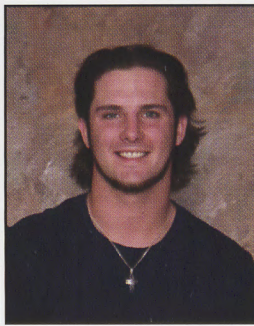
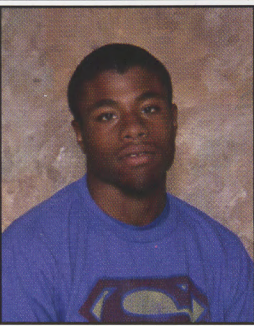




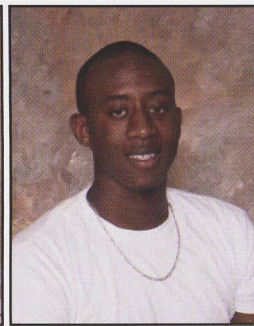
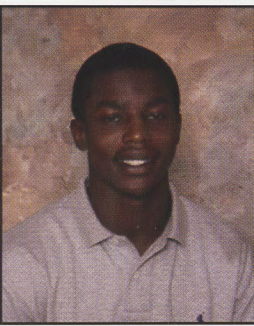
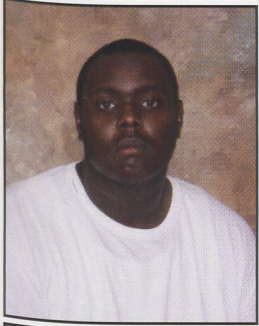
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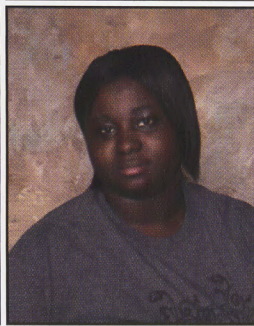
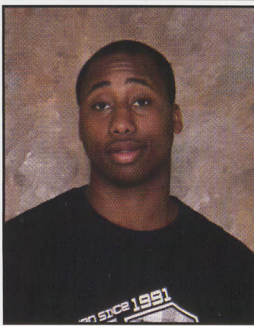
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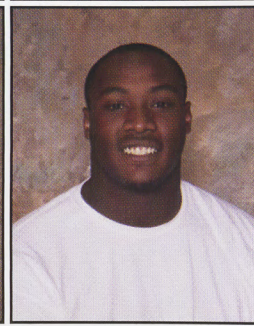
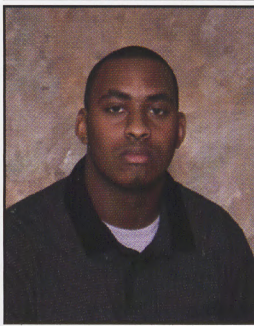
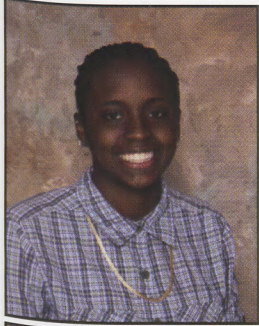
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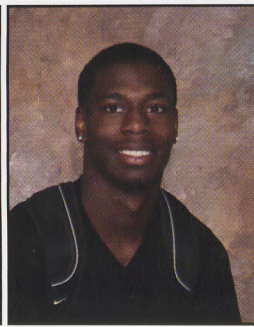
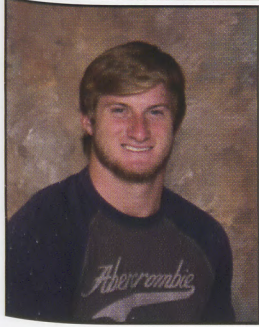
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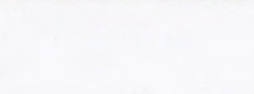
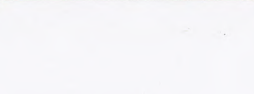
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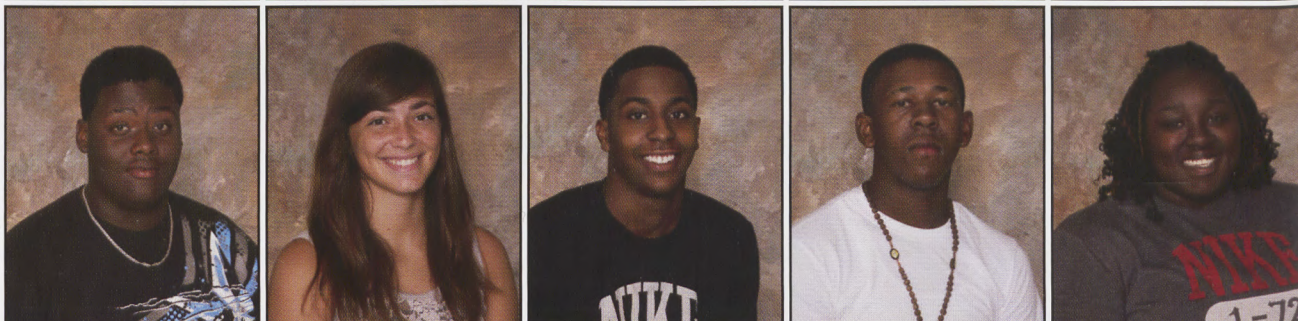


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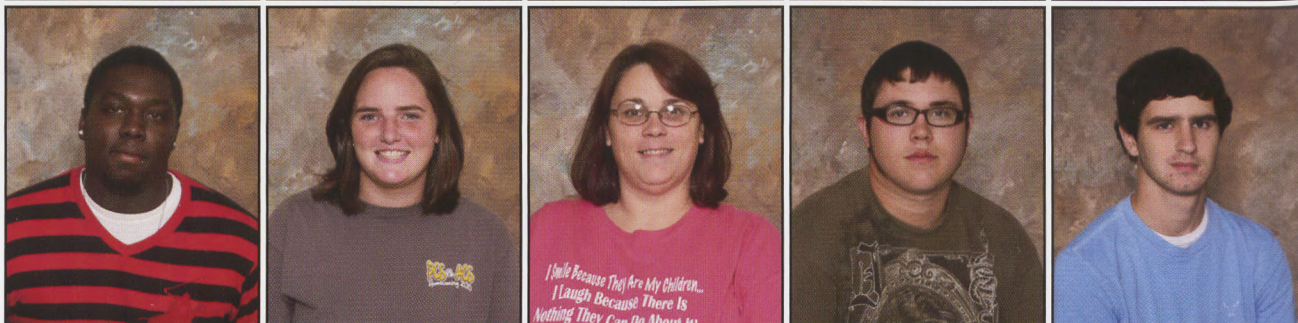
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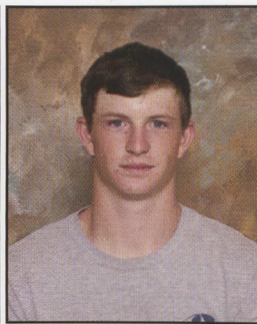
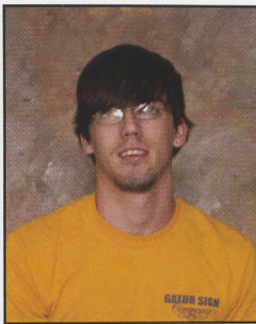
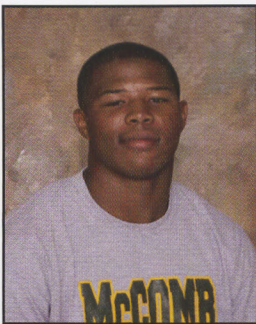
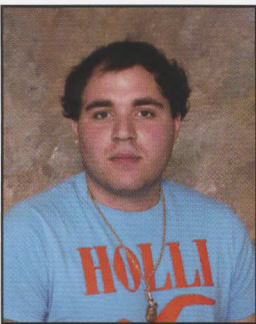


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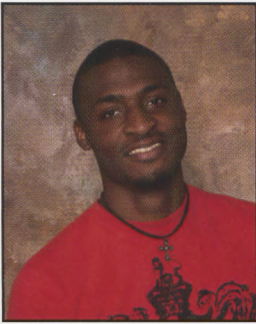




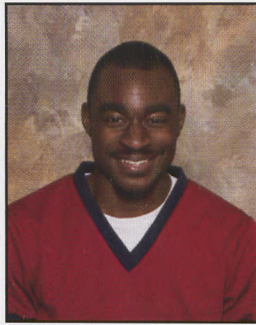
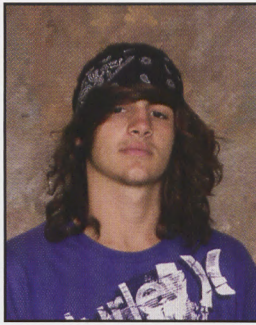
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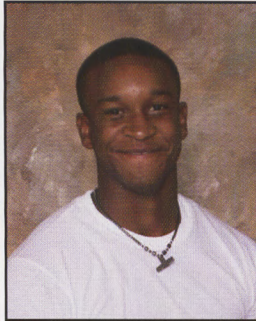
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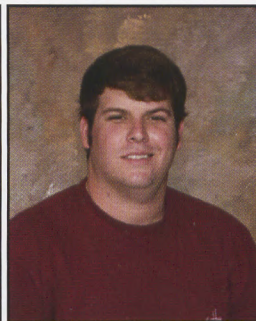
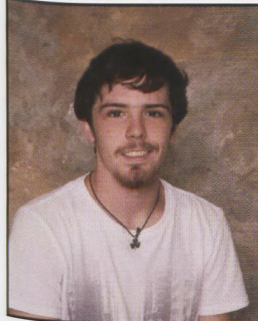
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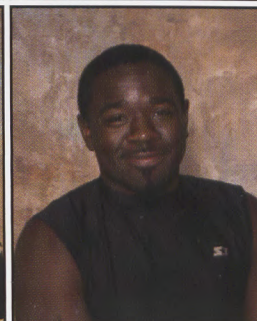
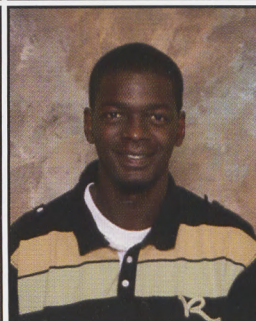
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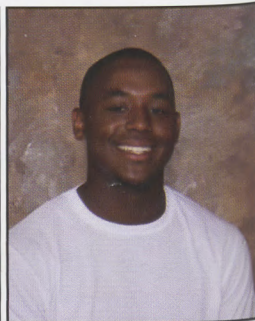
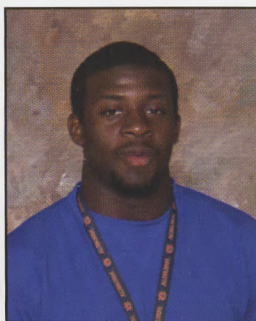


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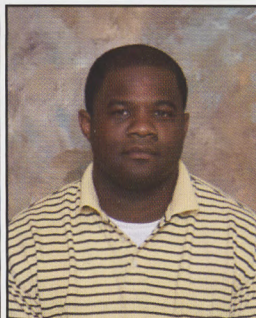
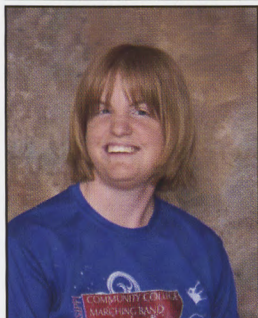


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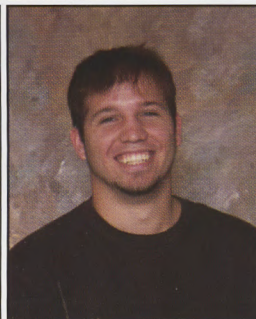
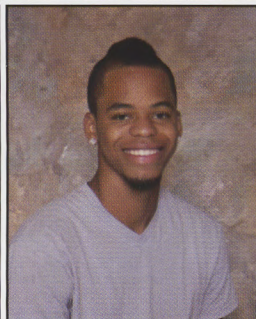
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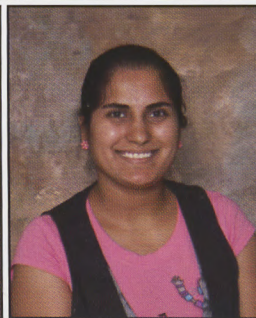
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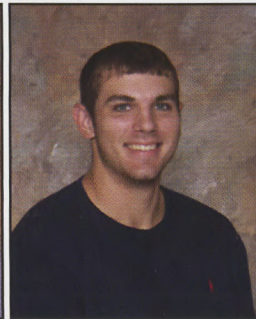
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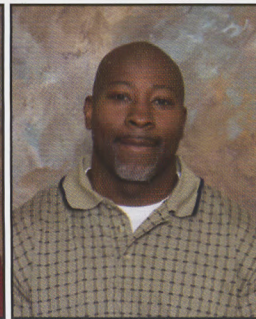
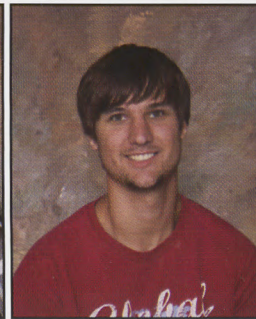
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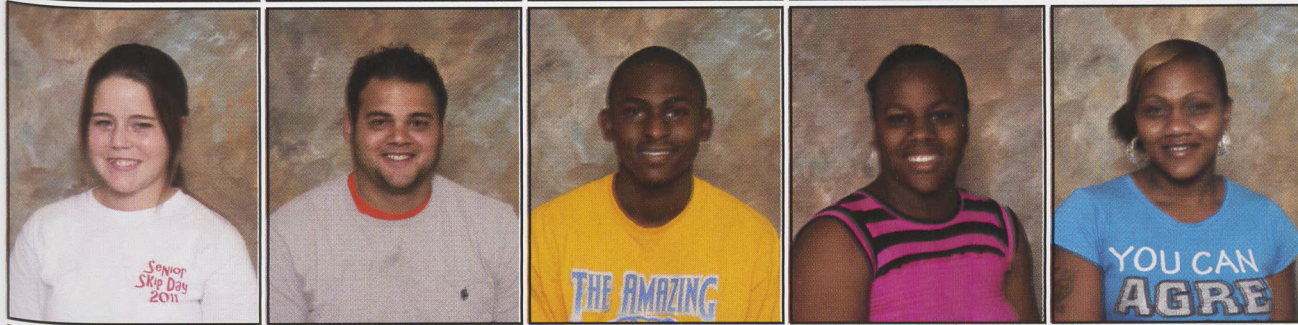




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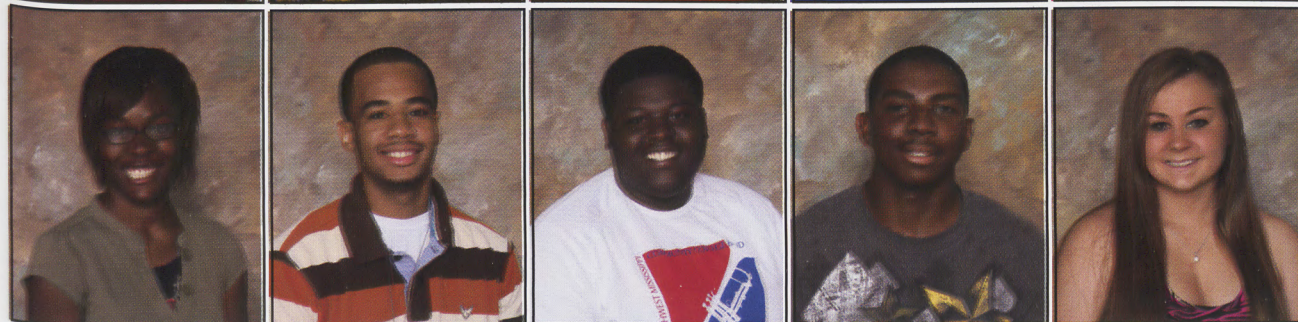
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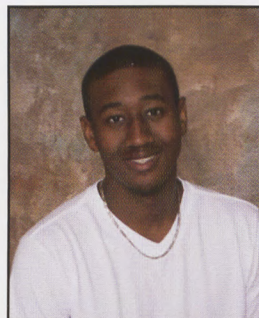


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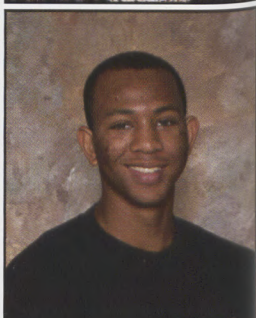
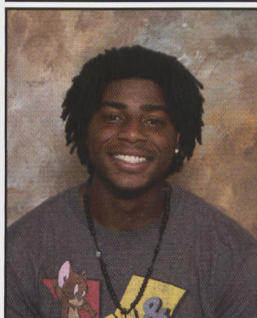
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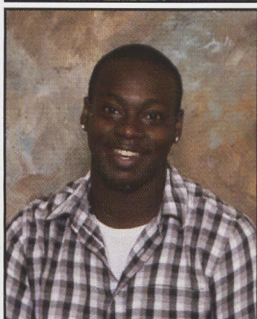
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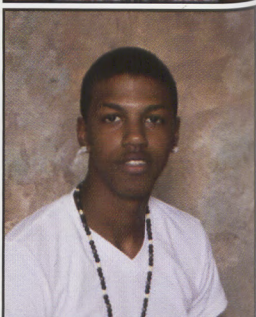
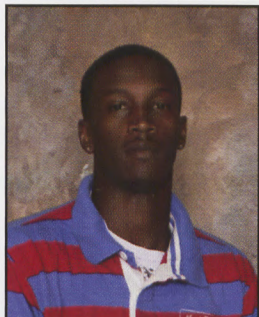
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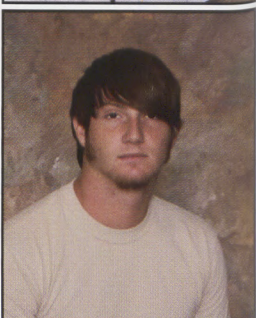
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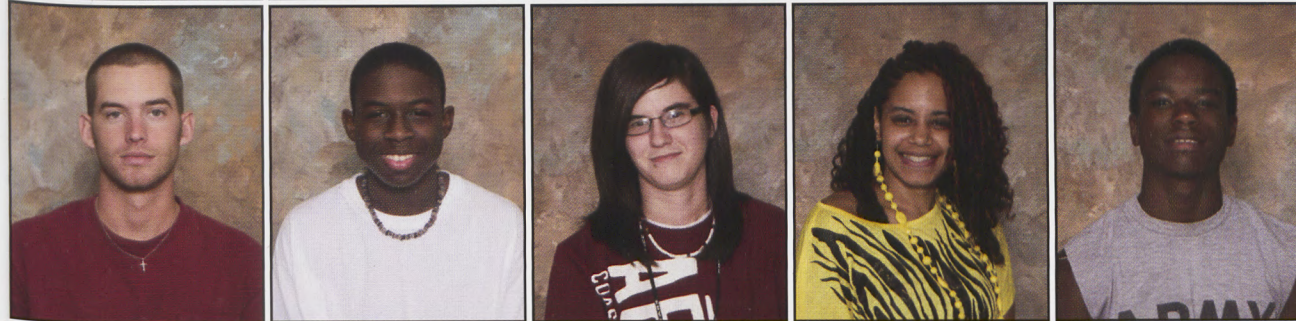
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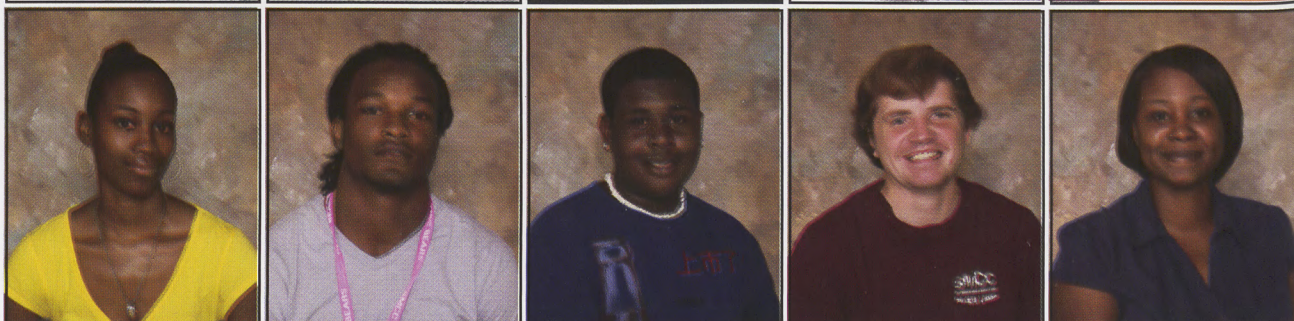
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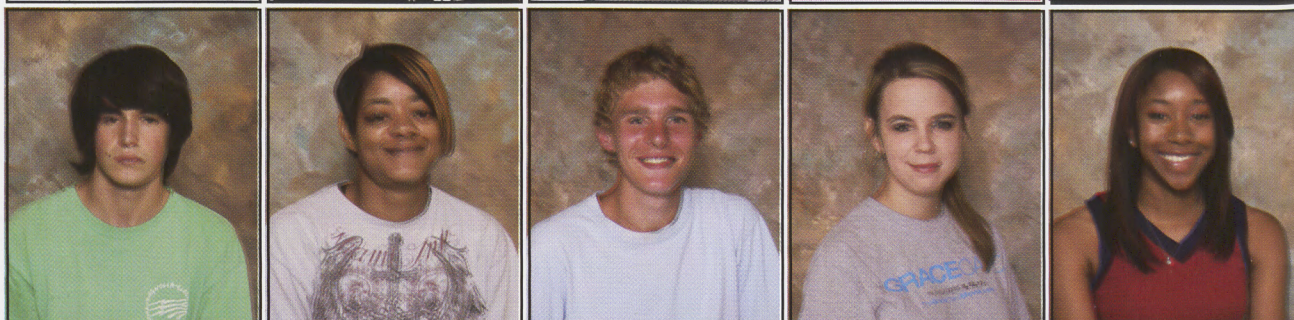
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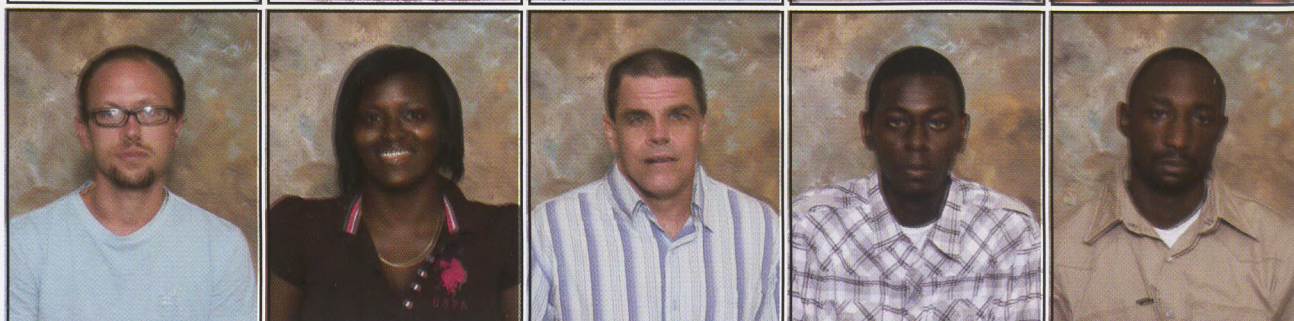
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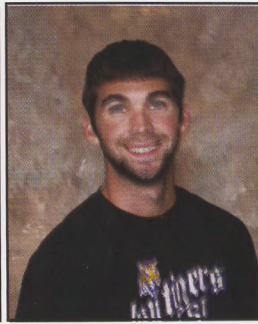
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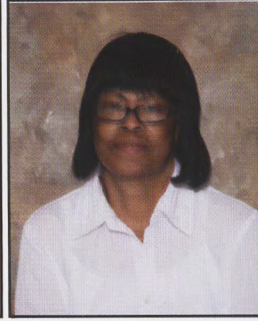
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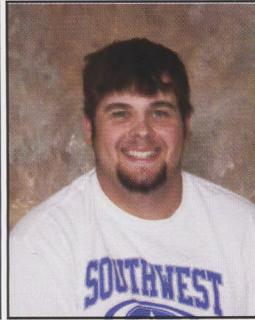




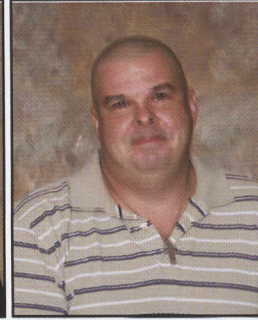
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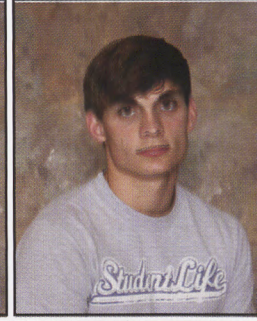
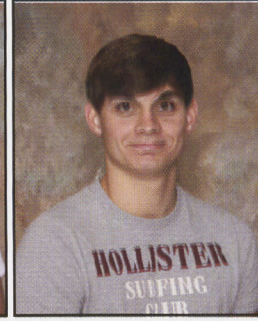
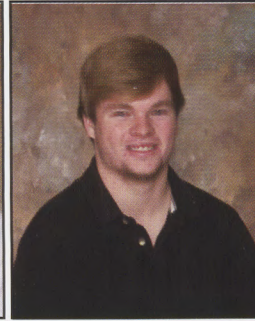
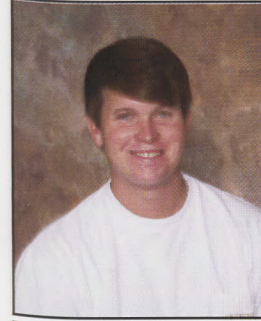
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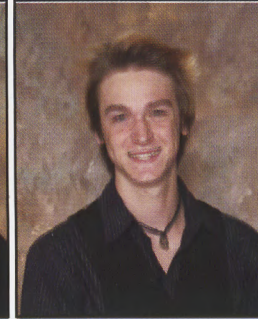
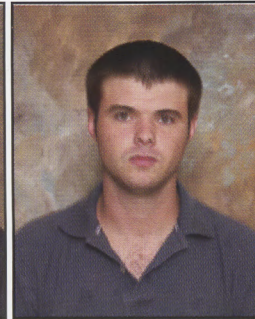
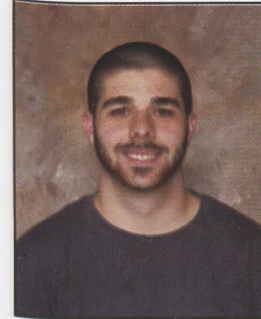
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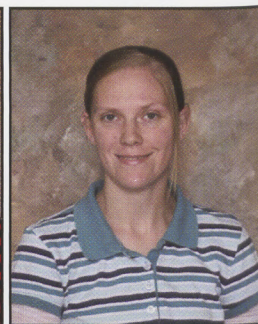
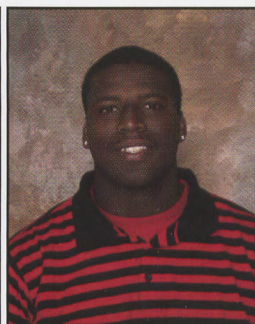
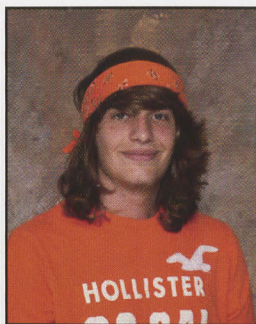
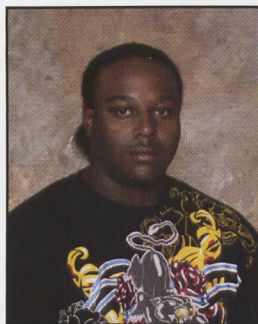


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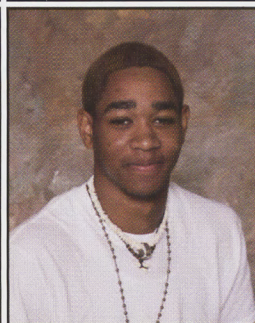
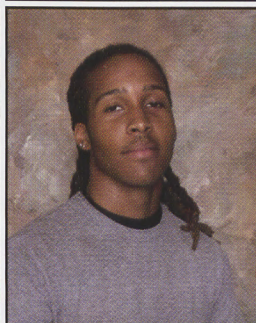
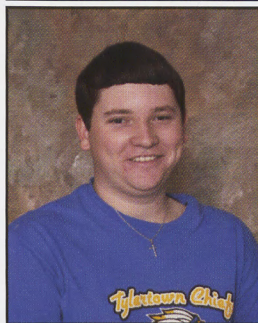


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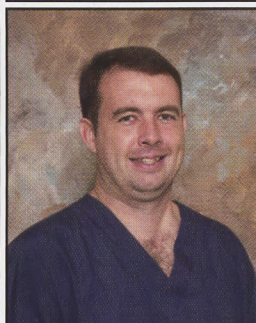
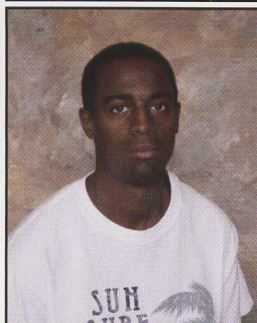
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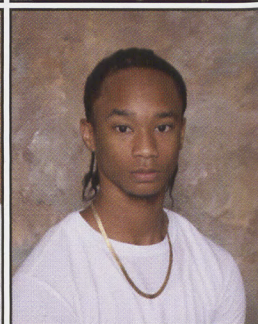
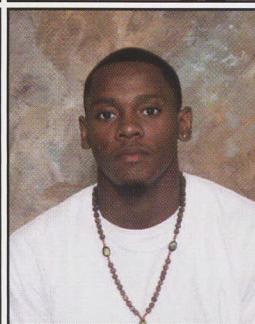
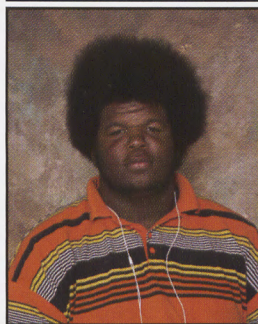
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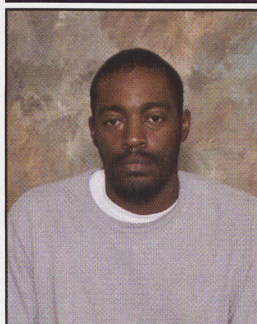
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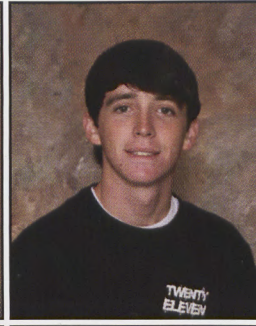
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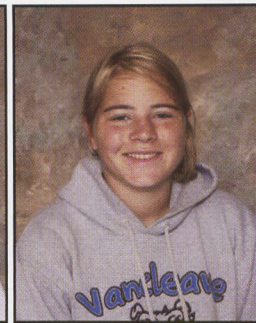
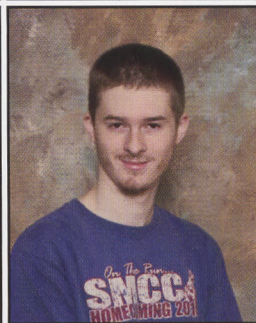
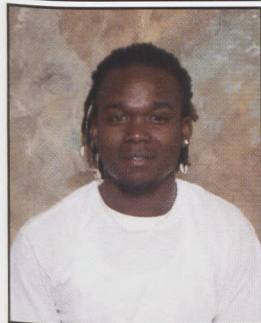




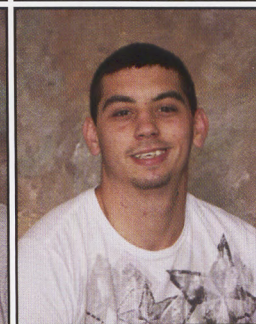
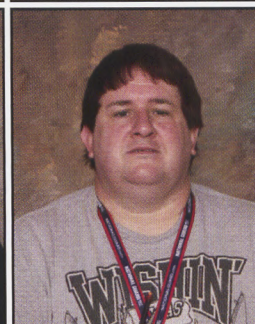
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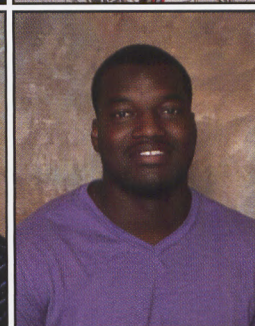
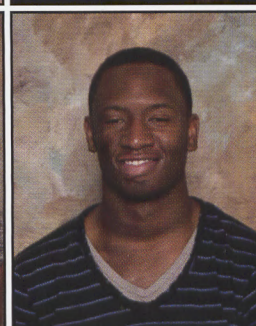
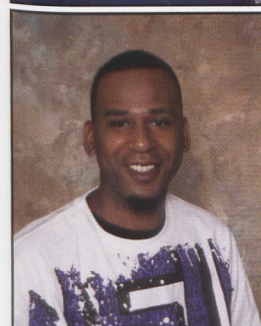
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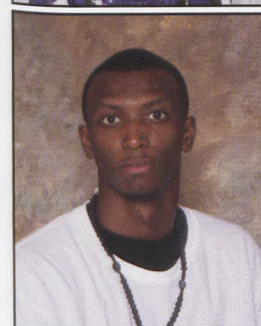
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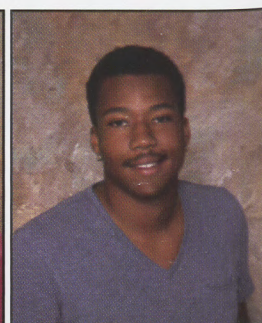
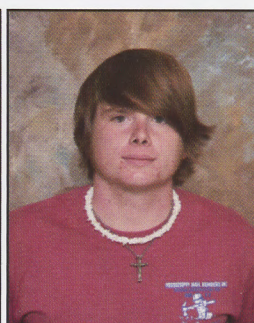


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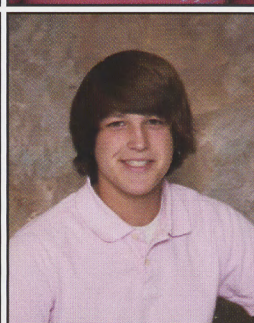


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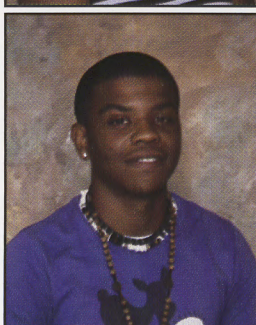
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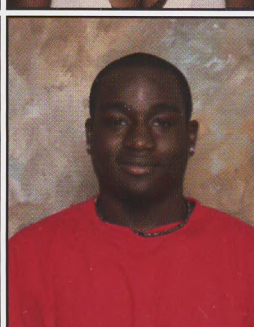
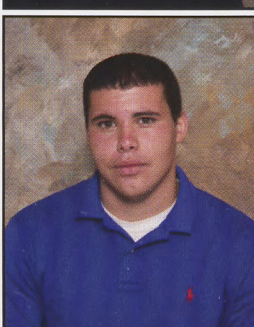
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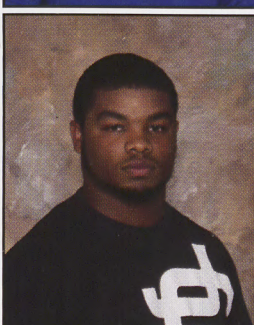
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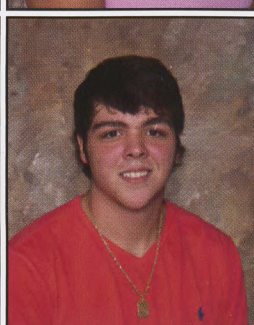
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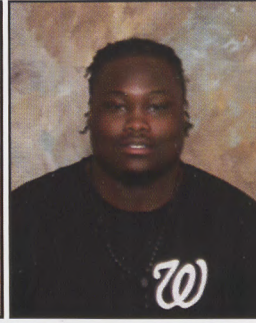


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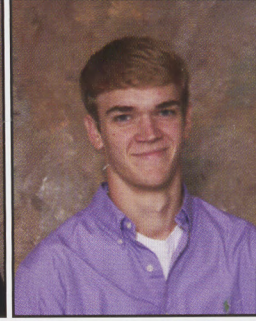
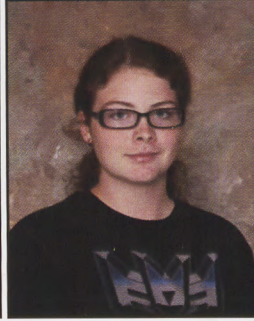
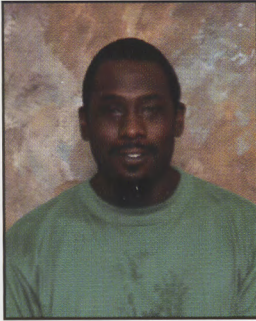




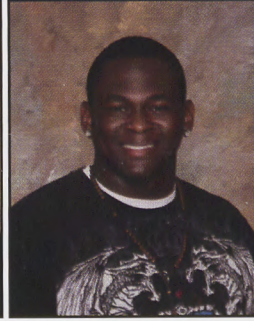
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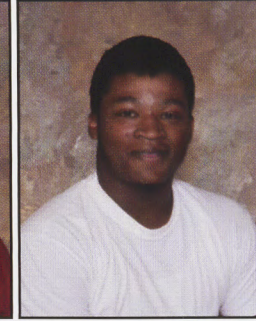
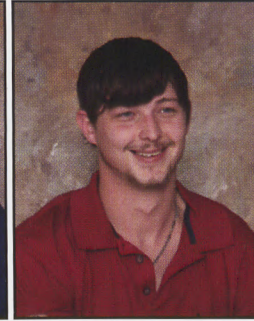
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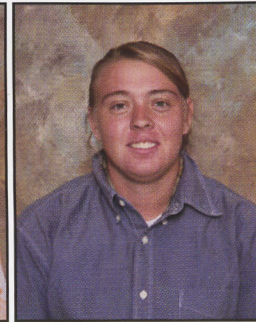
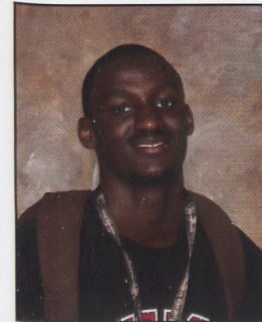
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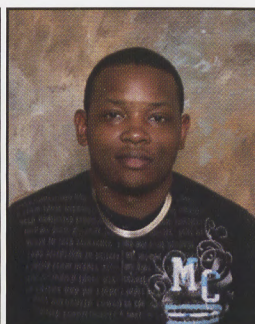


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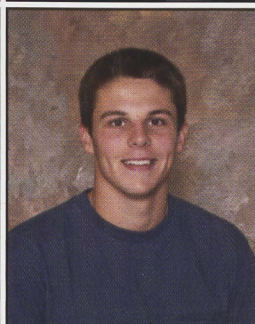


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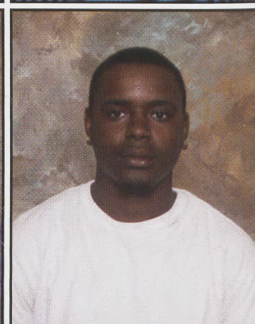
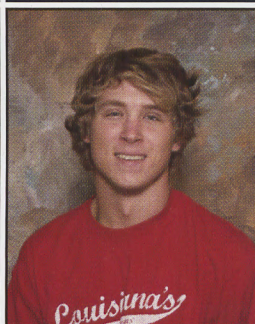
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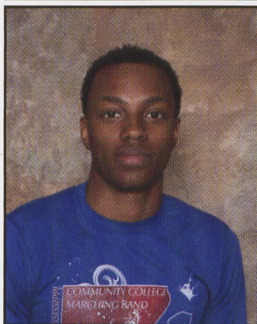
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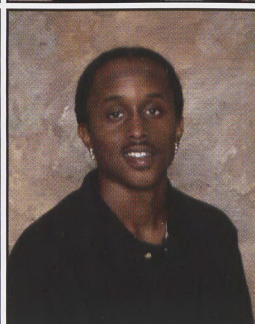
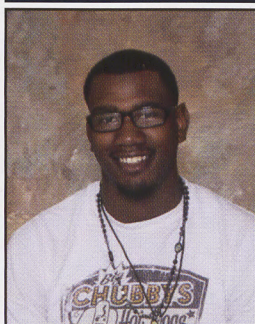
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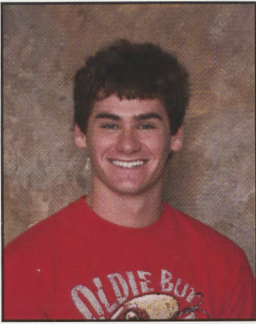


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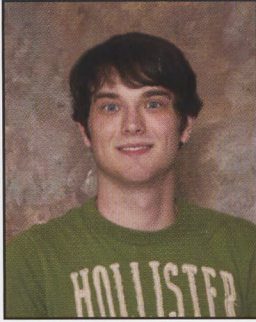
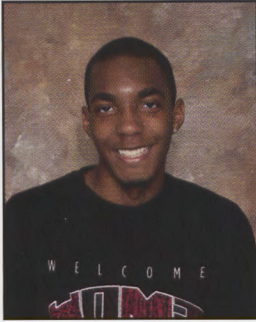
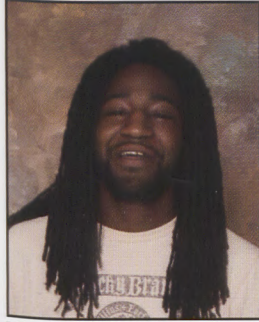




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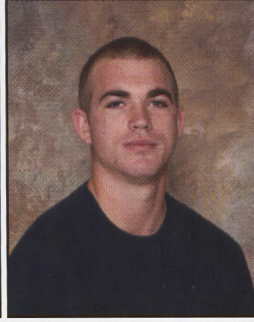
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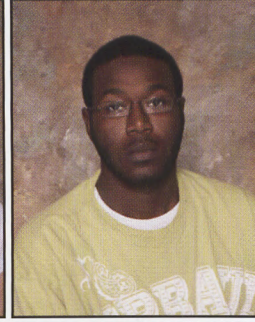
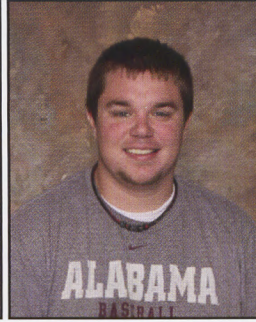
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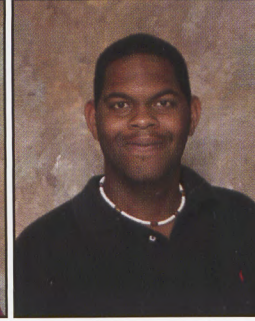
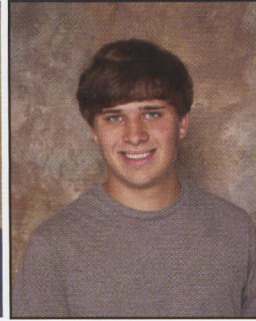
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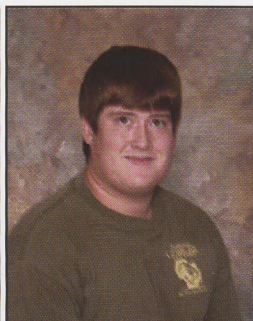


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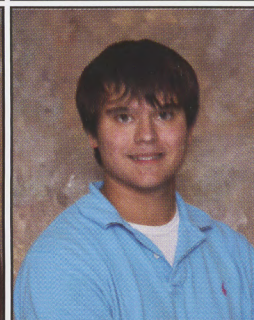
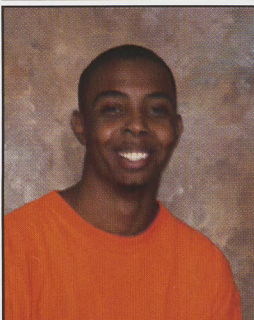


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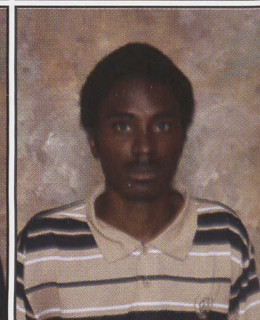
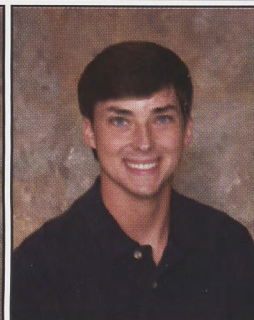
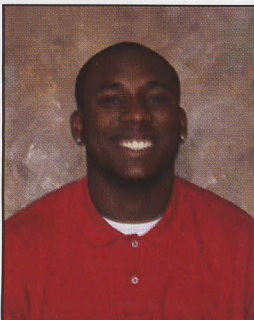
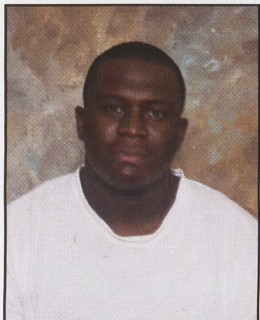
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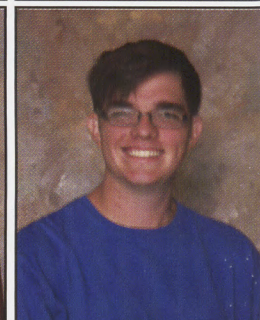
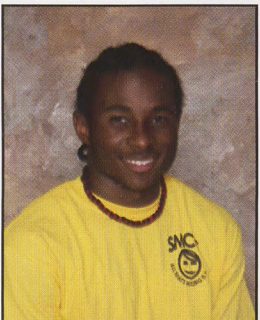
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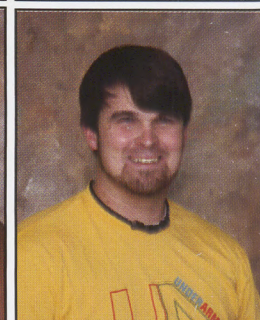
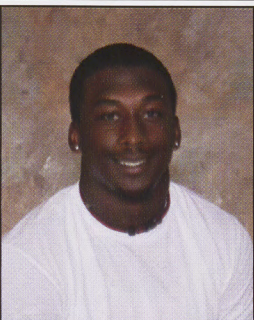
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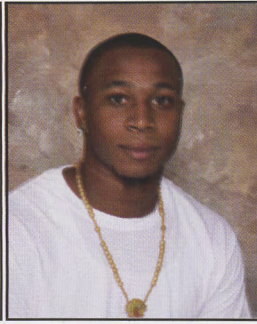
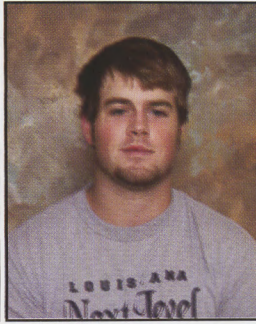
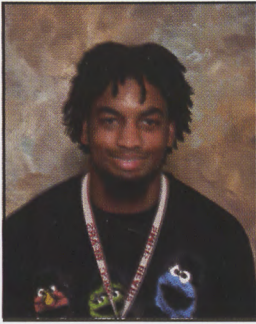
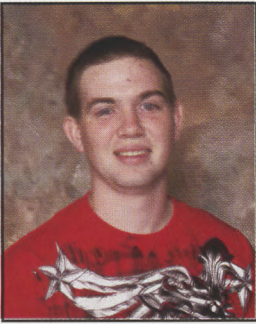
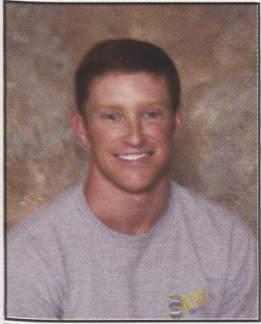


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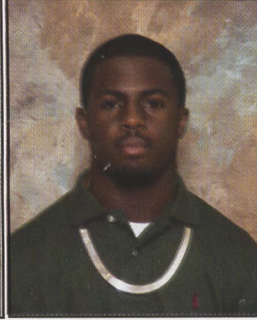
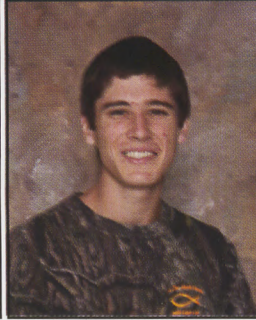
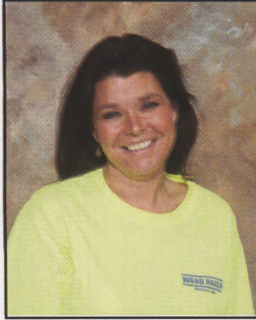




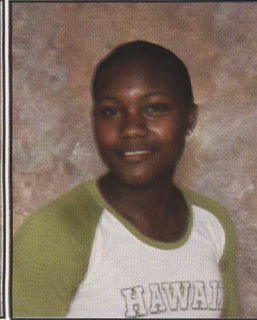
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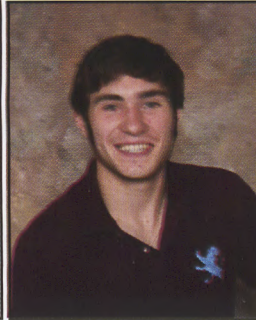
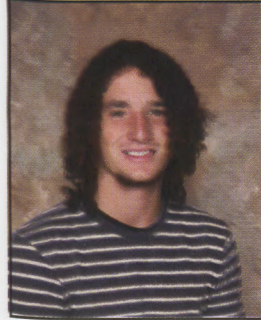
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# MARIKA ZARAFYAN

**M**arika Zarafyan was a twenty-year-old young woman from Russia who had made her home here in Southwest Mississippi. Born in Novosibirsk, Russia, Marika lived in Russia until two years ago. She moved to the United States because her mother married Danny Simmons of McComb, MS. She is the daughter of Zhanna Simmons and Danny Simmons of McComb. Marika graduated from General High School 179 in 2008. She then attended Novosibirsk State Technical University for one and a half years. After moving to the United States in January 2010, she began attending SMCC a few months later. Marika has the ability to speak three languages, Russian, English, and Spanish. Since she was new to the United States and English was her second language, Marika had not only adapted to a new environment but also overcome the language barrier. Although she missed her family and friends, Marika enjoyed living in America and attending SMCC. She kept in contact with her family and friends in Russia via Skype. Her goal was to become a doctor like her mother.

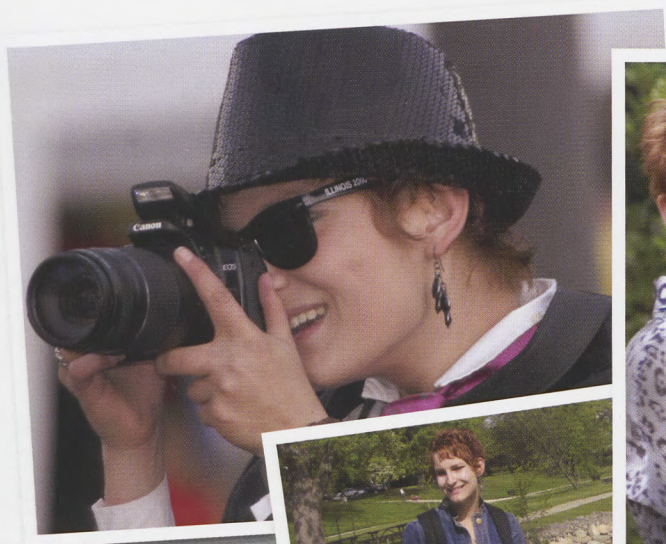
For Marika, being in America was very different than Russia. In Russia she did not drive because there was an abundance of subway stations, busses, and other forms of public transportation. However, she did enjoy driving here. Although Russia was drastically different from McComb, MS, her transition was made easier because people were nice and helpful to her. Marika enjoyed reading, listening

to music, and traveling. She listened to classical, opera, country, rock, and pop music. Her favorite author was Ernest Hemmingway. She traveled to New York City, NY, Orlando, FL, Memphis, TN, New Orleans, LA, and Daytona Beach, FL. One would think that transitioning from a Russian school environment to an American community college would damper someone's GPA; however, Marika managed to maintain a 3.88 GPA at SMCC, and was admitted into Phi Theta Kappa. Upon graduation her plans were to attend Milsaps College or Mississippi College.

Marika enjoyed her time at Southwest as she stated, "the people are very friendly and all of the instructors are excellent. I feel like I have found a home at SMCC. I will be sad to leave when I graduate and begin attending a senior college. Thanks to SMCC I feel that I will be better prepared to attend any senior college and succeed."

-By Ashley Wofford





# MYTCHIKO MCKENZIE

**M**ytchiko McKenzie was not your typical twenty-year-old college student. A 2009 graduate of South Pike High School, she faced a challenge most college students take for granted. Mytchiko was born four and a half months early, only weighing one pound fourteen ounces, in Jacksonville, Florida. Due to her premature birth, the retina in Mytchiko's eyes did not develop completely. The doctors attempted to reattach the retina, but there was not enough of the retina to attach. Mytchiko was declared legally blind as a child, but up until six months ago, she could read. Now she only sees blurred color and a limited amount of shape due to the loss of her detailed vision. She does not look at being blind as a hindrance, but more of a benefit.

Mytchiko did not mind talking about being blind. She looked at answering other people's questions as educating others about her condition. Mytchiko gained a lifetime of skills to do things such as pouring a glass of water and how to cross the street. However, she was very thankful that she was not born with her sight and then lost her sight. Since Mytchiko was in band for ten years, she thought of distances in the size of football fields; eight steps equal ten yards. She had a cane that projects an echo that she heard and felt. The echoes helped her to form a mental image of what was in front of her. After drawing the mental image, she added a little color, and that was how she saw the world around her. Mytchiko had a surprising escort while walking to the

Humanities Building one day. One of our resident geese escorted her to the building ensuring that she safely reached the top of the steps and entered the building. If only the rest of us should be so lucky, normally the geese were chasing and attacking us. Mytchiko said "being disabled is a part of daily life no big deal." In fact, she felt it made life interesting. Her books were emailed to her then she used a program called Zoomtext. Zoomtext read what was on her computer aloud so that she could hear what the textbook said. Mytchiko plans were to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, obtaining her masters in social work, specializing in disabilities, and then she planned on acquiring her doctorate in social work and theology at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Mytchiko recently received a new set of eyes in the form of her two-year-old leader dog Maya. Maya assisted Mytchiko with walking across the street, finding a seat, finding a dropped item, and much more. Mytchiko's leader dog was sponsored by the Lions Club organization. In order for Mytchiko to receive her leader dog, she was required to go through training to teach her how to handle the dog. Maya went everywhere Mytchiko went. Mytchiko's life changed drastically since she received her leader dog Maya.

I really think that SMCC's student body learned many things from Mytchiko. Through perseverance she got far. The things we take for granted she worked harder to obtain.

-By Ashley Wofford



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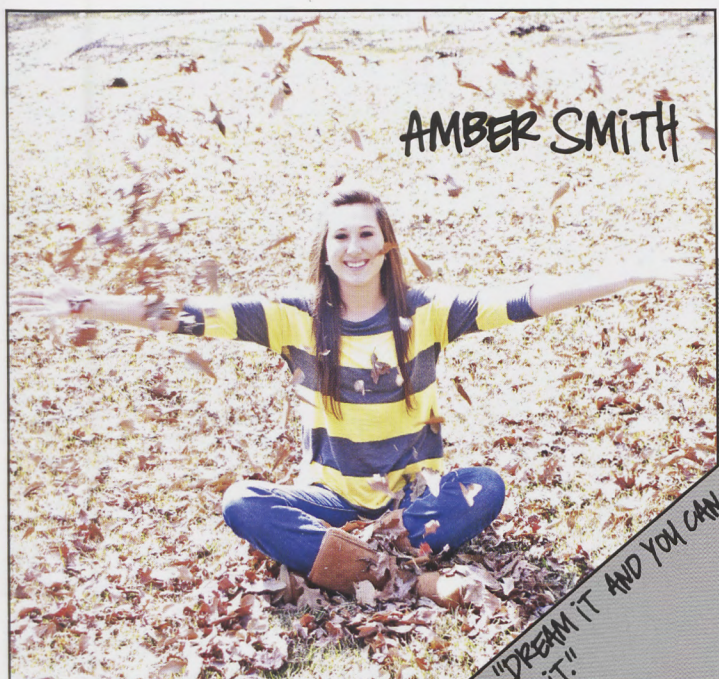
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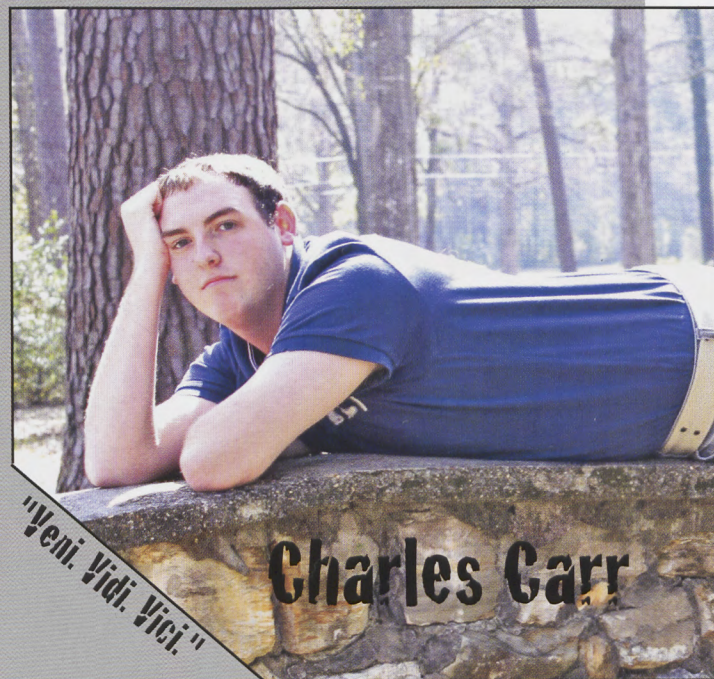




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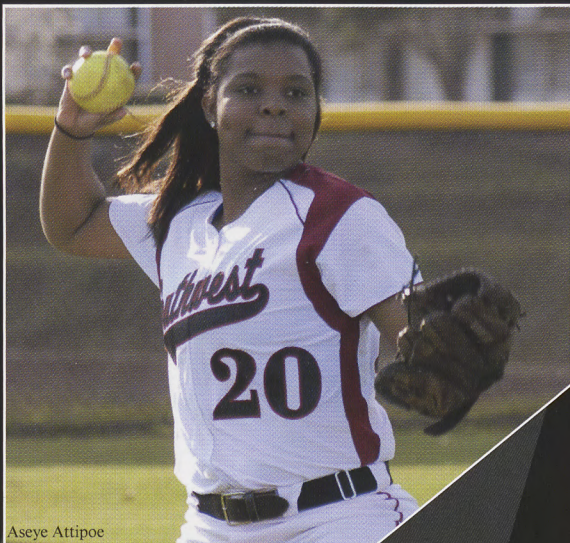
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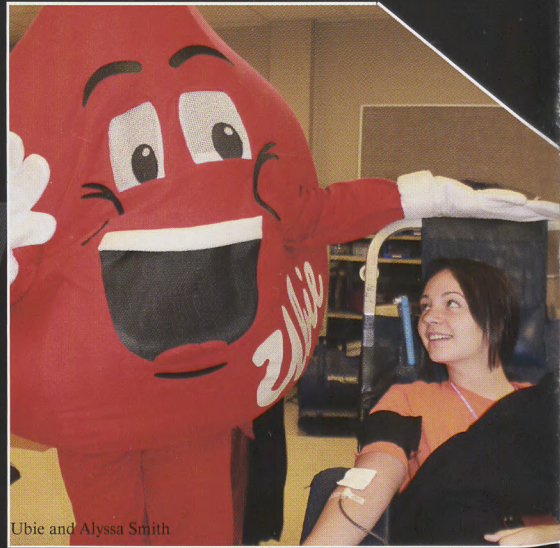




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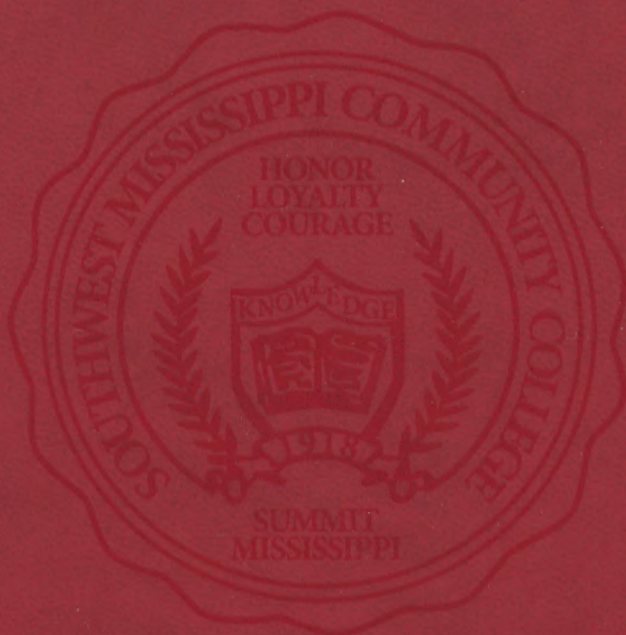
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